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SOLEMN ANNIVERSARY



CEREMONY FOR the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack was held at the El Cerrito Fire Department on San Pablo Avenue Wednesday morning, Sept. 11, 2002. Names of fallen firefighters were read onlookers paid their respects, from left to right they are city clerk Linda Giddings, Sister Anne Maher, City Councilwoman Letitia Miller, Angela O'Donoghue and Karen Pinkos.

Fire stations a place for reflection, prayer on 9/11

By Alan Lopez

EL CERRITO — Residents gathered solemnly around the American flag at the El Cerrito, Albany and Kensington fire stations Wednesday morning as part of a nationwide commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Under an overcast sky, the ceremonies were held between 7:28 a.m. — the time the World Trade Center collapsed — and the north tower fell at 9:03 a.m. The ceremonies commemorated the Sept. 11 attacks.

The station's fire trucks were brought out onto the driveway of the fire station at 6:45 a.m., followed by residents and firefighters gathering around the Amer-

rating the attack were held nationwide and coordinated by the International Fire Chiefs, an organization that represents fire chiefs from around the world, said El Cerrito fire captain Michael Bond.

"It's just a very sad day in our lives — a remembrance of what transpired that day," Bond said.

About 20 residents and about 10 on-duty firefighters attended the ceremony at fire station 71 at 10900 San Pablo Ave.

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AT WEDNESDAY'S ceremony El Cerrito Fire Department Capt. Mike Bond began reading the names of firefighters who lost their lives.

ican flag in front of the station.

A 1920s-era fire truck bell was rung slowly, and at 7:05 a.m., the time when the south tower collapsed, the flag was lowered to half-mast. Raising his voice to be heard over the noise of cars whizzing by on San Pablo Avenue and the occasional BART

train, Bond read the names of the firefighters who died trying to save workers trapped in the World Trade Center.

Residents and firefighters appeared serious and touched by the ceremony.

Wearing a New York Fire Department baseball hat he picked

up in New York, El Cerrito resident and professional conflict manager Sterling Newberry said he had visited ground zero as a volunteer mediator for the discussion over what would replace the World Trade Center.

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LIANA is working with the city on a \$350,000 grant to purchase a piece of property at Key Boulevard and Conlon Avenue. Baxter Creek comes into the Ohlone Greenway.

Parcel could become pocket park in EC

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city is close to purchasing a blighted piece of property on its northeast border with the intention of transforming it into a pocket park.

Host to the homeless, weeds, dry grass and fire danger, the land sits next to the BART tracks between San Pablo and Conlon avenues and Key Boulevard and is the northern cut-off point for the Ohlone Greenway. A portion of Baxter Creek runs through it, though it's obscured by tall cattails and other vegetation.

"It's a vacant sort of strip of

land that has a creek down the middle of it," said Jill Keimach, the city's community development director. "Right now homeless people live in the trees next to the river and this is a way for the city to clean up the area."

The city, along with creek advocacy group the Friends of Baxter Creek, applied for a \$350,000 grant from the Coastal Conservancy, a state agency that works to conserve open space, to buy the property and design a use for it.

The grant is almost assured, according to Lisa Owens-Viani, a co-founder of the Friends of Baxter Creek, though it won't become of-

ficial until the end of the month, when the decision is made by the Coastal Conservancy board. Another \$50,000 in the city's 2002-03 budget is earmarked to pay the balance of the cost of the land.

The city has so far spent about \$10,000 testing the soil for contaminants and appraising the property, Keimach said. The property belongs to the Burlington Northern Railway Company, though trains never ran on the land, according to Keimach.

If the property is purchased, the city, along with the Friends of

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Mill and Lumber buildings set to move

■ The move across San Pablo Avenue will take place early Sunday morning, when traffic should be lightest

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The corner of San Pablo Avenue and Schmidt Drive will undergo a dramatic change when two buildings are moved to the opposite side of the street in the early morning hours Sunday.

Two remaining sections of the once-bustling Mill and Lumber building will be moved directly across the street to an empty parcel on the west side of San Pablo at Orchard Avenue.

A six-building, 158-unit apartment complex with some retail will be built in its place as soon as 16 months from now.

"We're in the last closing moments before everything starts to break loose out there," said John Baer, principal partner of JMS Developers of San Carlos, which owns the property where the apartments will be built.

JMS bought the Mill and Lumber building and the parcel of land it occupied and was going to demolish the building before Aaron Vitale, president of Vital Building Enterprises Inc., stepped in.

Vitale owns the block of land at San Pablo and Orchard avenues, which contains a building and one empty parcel.

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Thousands stroll on Solano Ave.

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The normally vehicle-lined Solano Avenue was packed with thousands of people, plus hundreds of vendors, non-profit groups and entertainers Sunday, during Berkeley and Albany's 28th annual Solano Stroll street fair.

"Let's just say that not many people didn't go to the stroll," said Lisa Bullwinkel, the executive director of the Solano Avenue Association, the nonprofit business advocacy association that organizes the event. She added that it was probably the biggest stroll to date. Other sources estimated the turnout at 150,000.

The Solano Stroll started in 1974, when merchants on the street organized a sidewalk sale as a way to attract more business. Though at first it stopped short of crossing the BART tracks at Key Route Boulevard in Albany, in the last 12 years, the fair has grown to encompass the entire street — 1 1/4 miles.

The festival included a wide variety of vendor booths, with people selling artwork, crafts and antiques and food.

Entertainment ranged from karate demonstrations to dance performances to several music groups, including country, '60s music and Dixieland jazz.

Nonprofit booths of the Girl

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

Looking for those who go above and beyond

The Journal will launch a new monthly "Local Heroes" feature in the next several weeks to shine the spotlight on those who go the extra mile.

Do you know a local hero? Someone who has made a difference in the community, made life significantly better at school or work, in the neighborhood, or in his or her congregation? Once a month, we will highlight people whose devotion to helping

others — whether through an organized volunteer group or just on their own — makes them stand out from the crowd.

We encourage readers to write to let us know about these special people. Send your nomination, in 250 words or less, to: Local Heroes, c/o the Journal, 4301 Lakeside Dr., Richmond, CA 94806. Call 510-262-2724 or fax 510-243-3574. Our e-mail address is journal@cctimes.com

NEWS BRIEFS

El Cerrito

New season to begin at CC Civic Theatre

The classic play "The Rainmaker," directed by Michael Ray Wisely, will open the Contra Costa Civic Theatre's 2002-03 season on Oct. 18.

"The Rainmaker" will play at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 23 and 2 p.m. Sundays Oct. 27 and Nov. 3.

The comedy "Over the River and Through the Woods" is up next, opening on Jan. 17. A pair of musicals — "Annie" in April and May and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" in July and August will close the season.

CCCT is at 951 Pomona Ave. (at Mooser). Call 510-524-9132, or, for group sales, 510-524-6654.

Yan can help El Cerrito PTSA

Celebrity chef Martin Yan will appear at the opening of his new restaurant, Yan Can, from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 3, during a benefit for the El Cerrito High School PTSA.

The El Cerrito High School Jazz Ensemble will serenade the guests as they enjoy a buffet of fresh Asian cooking, featuring some of Yan's signature dishes. Dishes will include chicken lettuce wrap and veggie spring roll appetizers, Yan's Chinese chicken salad and Bangkok shrimp salad and wok entrees including Kung Pao chicken, Singapore firecracker, Thai curry chicken and Mongolian beef. Yan also will sign copies of his cookbook, "Martin Yan's Asian Favorites."

All proceeds from the event go to the El Cerrito PTSA. A dona-

tion of \$10 per person is required.

The El Cerrito PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) helps raise money for school programs including The Youth Education Program (drug and alcohol abuse prevention and education) and teacher stipend funds.

Yan Can is at 5020 El Cerrito Plaza. Details: 510-527-5525.

Kensington

Times book editor will talk book clubs

Lynn Carey, book editor for the Contra Costa and West County Times, will lead a discussion about book clubs at 7 p.m. Monday at the Kensington Library, 59 Arlington Ave. The meeting is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Carey will talk about her experiences with book clubs — what works and what doesn't. Veteran and novice book club members are welcome.

For details call 510-524-3043.

Richmond

Teenage behavior delved into at class

Six classes to discuss why teenagers act the way they do and what parents can do about it will be held Thursdays starting Oct. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the West Contra Costa Adult School Alvarado Campus, Room 1, 5625 Sutter St. in Richmond.

The free classes will discuss how to: understand teens' behavior, apply and maintain limits, successfully communicate with teenagers, gain better parental respect and help teens grow into young adulthood.

Space is limited, and pre-reg-

ALBANY POLICE

Monday, Sept. 2

■ **CAR BURGLARY** — A resident of the 900 block of Ventura Avenue reported that during the night thieves had broken into her teal-colored '95 Toyota Corolla and stolen items. She did not see the thief.

■ **DRUNKEN DRIVER** — At about 4 p.m. officers contacted a subject observed just sitting behind the wheel of a white Toyota that had been in an accident with another vehicle on the 800 block of San Carlos Street. The 28-year-old Pittsburgh man was found to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested, cited and held to be released when sober.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

■ **CAR BURGLARY** — A resident of the 1000 block of Cornell Avenue reported thieves broke into his black '92 Toyota Camry during the night. Officers found that a blue '69 Chevrolet had also been broken into. There were no witnesses in either incident.

■ **BURGLARY** — Shortly before 1 p.m. a resident of the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue reported that within the previous two hours thieves had broken into her home through a rear window and stolen items.

■ **LAWN SLEEPER** — At about 8:30 p.m. Albany officers contacted a subject who appeared to be sleeping on a lawn on the 800 block of Adams Street. They arrested the 37-year-old

Richmond man for being under the influence.

Thursday, Sept. 5

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A San Francisco man reported that thieves had stolen his blue '72 Volvo while it was parked in a lot on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **SCULPTURE STOLEN** — A resident of the 700 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that unknown thieves had stolen a sculpture from her front yard the day before.

Friday, Sept. 6

■ **INTOXICATED MOTORCYCLIST** — Officers responded to reports of a motorcyclist who appeared to be intoxicated having parked in the handicapped space at the Safeway Store on Solano Avenue. Officers contacted the 34-year-old Berkeley man and found his license was suspended. His gray '85 Yamaha bike was towed.

■ **VEHICLE VANDALIZED** — A resident on the 700 block of Buchanan Street reported that unseen vandals had egged her newly painted vehicle.

Saturday, Sept. 7

■ **DRUNKEN DRIVER** — At about 2:30 a.m. Albany officers stopped a white '85 Cadillac near San Pablo and Marin Avenues for erratic driving. The driver, a 42-year-old Richmond

man, was found to be intoxicated.

■ **GARDEN VANDALIZED** — A resident of the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that at about 4 a.m. he had witnessed a subject wearing dark clothing and driving a Ford Astro use a large knife to chop off flowers from a plant in the front yard.

■ **TAILGATE TAKEN** — A South Lake Tahoe man reported that thieves had stolen the tailgate off his white '01 Ford Explorer parked in a lot on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue.

■ **BURGLARY** — A resident of the 500 block of Cornell Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her home and stolen her computer.

■ **ROOMMATE ARRESTED** — Albany officers responded to the 700 block of Stannage Avenue on reports by a resident who was having a problem with his roommate. Officers arrested the roommate, a 51-year-old woman, for causing corporal injury and took her to the Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, Sept. 8

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Albany officers contacted a couple in a gray '97 Honda near San Pablo and Carlson avenues who were arguing. They arrested the 21-year-old Richmond man when he was found to have an outstanding warrant from Alameda County for DUI in the amount of \$5,000.

■ **CAR BURGLARY** — A silver '91 Toyota Camry parked on the 1000 block of Neilson Street was broken

into during the night.

■ **STROLL THIEF** — A resident of the 1000 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that a subject had stolen a cash box from a store. The thief discarded the stolen cash box and fled. The thief was arrested. The thief was arrested.

Monday, Sept. 9

■ **BURGLARY** — A resident of the 1000 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her home and stolen the previous day's items.

■ **CAR STOLEN** — A resident of the 1000 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that a subject had stolen a car. The thief was arrested. The thief was arrested.

Summit

During the week of Sept. 9, officers towed six cars from 15 false alarms, attempted or deceased arrests, one person who was injured, his car. In the domestic violence, responded to 22 calls and made 150 civil arrests, stopped 106 vehicles and issued 39 citations and 10 Albany firefighters responded to one fire and one medical emergency.

Friday, Sept. 13

■ **CAR BURGLARY** — A laptop computer worth \$5,400 were taken from a car on Arlington Boulevard between 8:20 and 9:00 a.m. The right front passenger window was smashed.

■ **CAR STOLEN** — A 1999 Dodge Intrepid was stolen from the 2200 block of Humboldt Street sometime between 10 p.m. on Sept. 6 and 10 p.m. on Sept. 7.

■ **STOLEN CHECK** — A man was arrested on suspicion of trying to cash a stolen check.

■ **ASSAULT** — A 39-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of assaulting another woman during an argument at the block of Fairmount Avenue. The man sustained minor facial trauma and neck.

EL CERRITO POLICE

Thursday, Aug. 29

■ **CAR RECOVERED** — A 1988 Camry stolen out of Richmond was recovered after the vehicle was pursued by a police officer to Bayview Avenue at Ellis Street in Richmond. The occupants fled the vehicle and were not arrested.

Saturday, Aug. 31

■ **ROBBERY ARREST** — A man was beaten and then robbed of his car by two men as he was loading food from one car to the other at 3:43 p.m. The men confronted the man on the 7400 block of Lynn Street, beat him and then rifled through his pants for the keys to the car. A juvenile driving the man's Mercedes was found later that day by the Richmond Police Department and another man driving the victim's stolen Buick was arrested by Oakland police on Sept. 1.

■ **CON ARTIST** — A woman conned a victim into giving her \$400 at El Cerrito Plaza at 10 a.m.

■ **SUV STOLEN** — A 1999 GMC sport utility vehicle was stolen from the parking lot of Auto Import Sales at 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 1

■ **THEFT** — Two people removed cash from registers at Shoe Pavilion at El Cerrito Plaza, while another person distracted the cashier at 5:50 p.m. Similar Shoe Pavilion thefts were reported in Berkeley and Emeryville.

■ **CAR BURGLARY** — A purse and video camera were stolen from a vehicle on the 2400 block of Mira Vista Drive sometime between 10 p.m. on Sept. 1 and 7 a.m. the next day.

■ **CAR RECOVERED** — A stolen gray 1999 Nissan Sentra was recovered by a police officer at 7:13 p.m. on the 2000 block of Key Boulevard.

Monday, Sept. 2

■ **DRUG ARREST** — A Richmond woman was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine during

a traffic stop at Stockton Avenue and Everett Street.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Someone pushed an 8-year-old off his bike, then took the bike by force at Potrero Avenue and South 55th Street at 7:30 p.m.

■ **CAR RECOVERED** — A stolen 1999 Dodge Intrepid was recovered by a police officer on the 11600 block of San Pablo Avenue. It was reported stolen to the Oakland Police Department on Aug. 30. The vehicle was abandoned in the Mayfair lot and impounded by the lot managers before it was discovered to be stolen.

Thursday, Sept. 5

■ **DRUG ARREST** — A man was arrested on suspicion of possessing rock cocaine while a police officer was conducting a separate investigation at Hill Street near Liberty Avenue. The man was booked into the county jail for felony possession of a controlled substance.

Former Albany fire marshal McSheehy dies at 93

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Richard "Dick" McSheehy, the oldest living former Albany firefighter, died Aug. 16 in Carmichael. He was 93.

"At 93 years, no Albany fireman has lived that long," said retired Albany fire captain Ray Gonzales, who took over McSheehy's position, when McSheehy retired in 1973. "That's a record Dick has set, that's something we go to shoot for."

McSheehy joined the Albany Fire Department in 1946 as a "hoseman" and rose the ranks to become captain, fire marshal and creator of the city's fire prevention bureau.

Gonzales said McSheehy was the department's public relations man.

McSheehy had a passion for photography and used the department's darkroom extensively, developing pictures he took of people working there. He also enjoyed public speaking and often spoke to service clubs and other organizations on behalf of



Richard McSheehy

the fire department.

Under McSheehy's watch, the department's fire prevention bureau gained national recognition and got national first place or runner-up awards several times.

"It's like the Superbowl of fire prevention," said Gonzales. "It was all from Dick's programs that were submitted. He was judged by professionals as being the top one."

McSheehy also got a recipe he submitted published in a fire department cookbook based in San Francisco.

"We used to kid about it, because this was a quickie meal in the fire department but he got it published in the cookbook," Gonzales said.

Born in 1909 and raised in Berkeley, McSheehy worked in the Mare Island Naval Shipyard

in Vallejo building ships for the navy during World War II and then joined the Albany Fire Department March 17, 1942.

He retired at the age of 64, then worked for three years at the School of the Madeleine Catholic school in Berkeley as a custodian, according to his daughter Susan Holtam.

While living in Albany, he was active in many organizations, including the Berkeley Elks Club, the Albany Lions Club, the California State Firefighter's Association, the Albany Police and Fire Civil Service Club and the Albany Firefighters Association.

He was also past president of the Alameda County Association of Firemen, the Albany Exchange Club and a past officer of the Veteran Fireman's Association.

He moved to Carmichael in 2000 to live closer to his daughter.

"He liked the small community in Albany," said Holtam. "He was raised in Berkeley and wanted to be of service to them."

Mothers Club co-founder LaVerne Eaton dies

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — LaVerne Eaton, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Marin Elementary School PTA member and co-founder of the Albany Mothers Club, died on Aug. 29 in Walnut Creek after a brief illness. She was 88.

Eaton was raised in Palo Alto after her family moved to the Bay Area from the mid-west in 1917. She moved to Albany in 1940, shortly after she got married, and lived there until 2000, when she and her husband, Benjamin, moved to Pleasant Hill.

"She was a fantastic lady and she will truly be missed," said her son, Doug Eaton.

LaVerne Eaton was involved in Albany schools, including the Marin Elementary School PTA and the high school sports teams.

Her children also went on to become active in schools and the Boy Scouts. Larry Eaton, the youngest, was one of the founders and presidents of the original Albany Athletic Boost-



LaVerne Eaton

ers Club and was a 20-year member of the Albany Police Reserves and a former member of the Little League Board of Directors.

Oldest son Merle Eaton became a Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge and Doug Eaton was a reporter at the Oakland Tribune.

LaVerne Eaton was also co-founder and president of the Albany Mothers Club, a group that got together socially and donated to schools and veterans' hospitals, and provided small scholarships for high school students. The club has since disbanded because most

of the members have passed away, according to Doug Eaton.

More recently, she was in her grandchildren, tending their sports and giving them keys as a visit her Albany home. She wished, "Her family will said Doug Eaton."

LaVerne Eaton's husband, a son, his wife Patricia (LaVerne) Eaton Doug and his wife, Albany, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

Doug Eaton said he was always smiling and beat attitude. "She was a realist," said Doug Eaton. "The fact that she was never met anybody liked her."

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

— Thomas

Vale



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF
JOHN VITALE, an El Cerrito native and president and developer of Vitale Building and Enterprises, is moving the El Cerrito Mill and Lumber building across San Pablo Avenue.

CLOSED STREET

From 2 to 6 a.m. Sunday morning, San Pablo Avenue will be closed as the two Mill and Lumber buildings are moved from one side of the street to the other. San Pablo Avenue will be closed for about a block between Schmidt Lane and Manila Avenue. El Cerrito Police officers will direct traffic around the closure.

"Even though it looks like drastic changes, it'll go back together the way it was," said Vitale.

The two buildings will be placed on giant dollies by today and are scheduled to be moved by truck across the street between 2 and 6 a.m. Sunday morning, the time when the smallest number of cars are sup-

posed to be on the street. The street will be filled with blocks 6 inches high that will level out the street with the sidewalk so the buildings can easily be wheeled across.

San Pablo Avenue will be closed for about a block between Schmidt Lane and Manila Avenue, with El Cerrito police officers at each end to direct drivers. Motorists driving south on San Pablo Avenue will detour on Manila Avenue; drivers going north will detour on Schmidt Lane.

"This is a first for us," said commander Scot Mosby of the El Cerrito Police Department. "There's been a lot of work on Vitale's end. On our end it's been relatively low-impact."

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Albany

Albany Senior Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 846 Masonic Ave. Bingo, bridge, needlecrafts, world events, literature, writing memoirs, exercise, drawing and Paratransit Information. Hawaiian dance class 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays; there is a fee. Sacramento River cruise and visit to Railroad Museum is Sept. 24; \$36. Home-delivered meals offered. Dinner 4 p.m. weekdays by reservation. 510-524-9122.

El Cerrito

Christ Lutheran Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, 780 Ashbury Ave. Conversational German and Spanish, writing, current events, computers, needlecrafts and exercise. 510-524-1050.

St. John's Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, 6500 Gladys Ave. Computers, needlecrafts, pressed-flower card-making, painting and drawing, and sculpture. Blood pressure testing second and fourth Tuesday. Tai chi 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sit-down exercises 11:30 a.m.-noon. Ranger Rick Smith will talk about Rosie the Riveter World War II Homefront Historical Park at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. 510-237-3808.

The Open House — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 6500 Stockton Ave. Tai chi 10 a.m. Mondays. Mah-jongg 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Grocery bingo 12:45 p.m. Mondays. Exercise 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Music composition 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Watercolors 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Needlecrafts 2 p.m. Wednesdays. Creative writing 9 a.m. Wednesdays.

Fridays. Upcoming trips include Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto on Sept. 24 and Petaluma Village on Oct. 22. On Oct. 4 there will be a trip to Copia in Napa. 510-215-4340.

Community Center — 7007 Mosser Lane. There will be a tea dance 1-4 p.m. Wednesday. Refreshments with \$3 admission. 510-215-4340.

Kensington

Kensington Senior Activity Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays at Arlington Community Church, 62 Arlington Ave. Instruction in conversational German, computers, watercolor painting and meditation group. Massage therapy available for a fee. 510-526-9146.

Richmond

AARP Chapter 3026 — Noon today at the Moose Lodge, 13233 San Pablo Ave. The 72 AC Transit bus stops at the corner of the lodge. Doors open 11 a.m. for paying dues and trip sign-ups. There will be a mystery speaker. Refreshments will follow meeting. 510-235-2342.

Senior Adult Activity Center — 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 34th Street and Barrett Avenue. Games, classes on card crafts, oil painting, dancing and quilting. World War II "Rosies" meet at 9 a.m. There will be blood pressure testing Tuesday. 510-620-9566.

West County Ed. Fund has visible effects

A wonderful legacy of the grants offered by the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund, says outgoing executive director Mary Ann Gallagher, is the visuals: the murals and tile walls, quilts, gardens and student-made planter boxes and benches in schools throughout the district.

"Some of the most beautiful enhancements in the district came from Ed. Fund grants," says Gallagher.

Other outcomes are harder to spot, but echoes of Shakespeare stage sword fights, school science fairs, professionally inspired dance performances, challenge-to-racism days, and cultural festivals reverberate through the hearts of district students.

The impact on test scores may not be obvious, and the projects may not follow the latest trend in education. But the folks at the Ed. Fund are confident what they do makes a difference.

They've continued to offer and expand the grants since the foundation began in 1983 as a way for the community to restore what the tax-cutting measure Proposition 13 took away.

Last year, the foundation awarded almost \$33,000 in grants. Teachers, principals and other employees, parents and students are invited to apply for \$500 mini grants. Principals or teams of teachers can apply for \$1,000 grants for schoolwide projects. There is also a special fund for projects



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Schools

serving special education students.

Gallagher says one of her favorite grant projects involved De Anza High School students sharing their knowledge of robotics with Dover Elementary School students. The following year, the De Anza teacher, Eric Reed, and his students ran a Lego robotic competition for students from several middle and elementary schools.

This year, the Ed. Fund is making a special effort to encourage grant applications that promote this type of collaboration between schools, or schools and community groups, as well as projects that enhance literacy and math. Projects that meet academic standards through the arts are always popular with the Ed. Fund.

The foundation expects applications to have a clear academic objective, a clear method of achieving the goal and that the expenditure of the money is clearly related to the outcome, says Gallagher. But the Ed. Fund also keeps its forms simple, clear and teacher-friendly.

If someone takes the time to put together a well-written ap-

plication, she says, it has a good chance of being approved. Last year, 36 of 60 mini-grant applications and 15 of 20 school-wide applications were funded.

One of the benefits of the grants is they inspire teachers to reach out for funding support, says Gallagher. Some of those applicants not funded by Ed. Fund rewrite their applications and submit them to another source.

Many teachers write their first grant to The Ed. Fund and go on to be prolific grant-writers.

Another advantage of the Ed. Fund grant program is it accepts a wide variety of proposals, unlike many grants that have a narrowly defined focus.

Gallagher says the goal is to have funds spent as directly on students as possible. But, she says, they also inspire teacher creativity and serve as a reward for teachers willing to put in extra hours.

Grant applications are available from the Ed. Fund Web site at www.elcerritowire.com/edfund, which can also be accessed through the district website at www.wccusd.k12.ca.us and selecting "Ed. Fund" from the left column. The deadline is Oct. 1.

Questions should be directed to Susan Wittenberg, who is resuming the post of executive director, at 510-233-1464.

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

Albany PTA/ Superintendent's Council

Sept. 16, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

Albany High School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at lopam@earthlink.net

Sept. 17, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS

Sept. 25, Back to School Night, 7 p.m. Scrip Orders: Edna Shipley at 510-527-0745, e-mail: Ednashipley@aol.com or Karen Moss at 510-526-2018, e-mail: karenmoss@bcgglobal.net

MacGregor High School

Oct. 3, Back to School Night, 7 p.m. 510-526-2018

Albany Middle School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Nancy Nelson at nannelson@aol.com

Sept. 19, Back to School Night, 7p.m. Scrip Orders: Call Dorothy Brown at 510-524-3123 or e-mail: dorothy.brown@yahoo.com Reminder: Save and turn in General Mills boxtops for education to office.

Cornell Elementary School

Interested parents may receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Barbara Grady-Ayer at gradyayer@aol.com

Sept. 18, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room Scrip Orders: Call Mark Priven 510-528-2082 or e-

mail: privwest@pacbell.net

Marin Elementary School

Interested parents may receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Tree Stuber at marinestree@aol.com

Sept. 19, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Staff Room

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Ocean View Elementary

Sept. 26, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library Scrip Orders: Call Kim Denton at 510-528-6480 Recycle used computer printer cartridges from your home or office. Look for bins in the library.

AUSD Board of Education

Sept. 24, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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Grace Baking closing store at Solano Ave.

ALBANY — Grace Baking at Solano Ave. will close its store Sept. 29, say its owners.

Joan and Cindy Mitchell and David plan to focus on the bakery's wholesale bread business, they said in an announce-

ment. The bakery's famous, eggless loaves, its traditional doughnuts, its challah and its breads in other Bay Area outlets. But its absence is felt keenly around Solano Avenue.

"This is a big loss for Albany," James Carter, Chamber of Commerce executive director. Grace Baking has been an important part of Solano Avenue for its entire community. They made generous contributions to community groups, including the Chamber of Commerce and we are very grateful that they have done."

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EL CERRITO CHAMBER NOTES

Send in the money you save by staying at home

By Sewall Glinternick

Forced to raise money to bolster its dwindling operating fund, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce has mailed its membership invitations to a second annual non-Dinner non-Dance.

Unable to hold two planned fund-raisers, Chamber President Marge Collins has decided the most practical way to raise the money needed to operate the organization is by repeating the non-event promotion that was so successful last year.

"I am sure it comes as no surprise that it takes money to keep this chamber operating as well as it does — more money than the modest amount we ask you to pay in annual dues — which we keep low enough so even the smallest business in El Cerrito can afford to belong to our organization," she wrote in the letter that accompanied the invitations.

In the letter, Collins explains that though in the past the chamber had supplemented its dues with proceeds from special fund-raising events such as the semi-annual Round-Up Sale Days tabloid and the annual October Fiesta, these had to be canceled this year due to circumstances beyond the chamber's control.

"And, since reconstruction of El Cerrito Plaza is still not complete, the shopping center is not available for revival of the October Fiesta in 2002."

The invitation once again calls on everyone to avoid dressing up to go out for an evening of mediocre food, loud music and tiring dancing and instead stay home and send a donation to the chamber.

Any member of the community is welcome to participate to help support the chamber's efforts.

Mail donations to: El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 538, El Cerrito, CA 94530, or drop them off at the chamber office at 10848 San Pablo

Ave. **MEMBERSHIP NEWS:** Hacienda Restaurant, Wouff & Ury Jewelers, Golden Dynasty Restaurant and the American Cancer Society have reinvested in the Chamber for another year.

FALL BUSINESS LUNCHEON: Reservations are now being accepted for the El Cerrito Chamber's first business luncheon of the fall season on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Mira Vista Golf & Country Club.

Reservations, open to chamber members and their guests, are required. Call the chamber by Sept. 20 to reserve.

Guest speaker for this session will be City Manager Scott Hanin, whose presentation is titled "Update on Matters of Concern to the Business Community."

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK: Entertainment 2003 books are available at the chamber offices, 10848 San Pablo Ave. The book contains hundreds of half-off and two-for-one coupons good for thousands of dollars in savings on dining, movies, theaters, special events, shopping, services and travel.

The offers included in the new Entertainment Book are valid through Nov. 1, 2003. A portion of the \$30 purchase price will be rebated to the chamber's operating fund.

Because of the limited number of books available, orders should be placed early; call the chamber to reserve.

PERMIT PAMPHLETS: Planning to obtain a conditional use permit from the city, or preparing for an appearance before the Design Review Board? Three new brochures from the Planning Department explain step-by-step, how to do it.

The department published the pamphlets, says Regina Adams, associate planner and interim planning manager, "to help streamline the permitting process, make it more cus-

tommer-friendly and less intimidating."

The free pamphlets are available from the chamber office, at the Planning Division public counter in City Hall and at the El Cerrito Library.

ART ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS: The El Cerrito Art Association, an associate chamber member, has announced two new members of its organization: Cheryl Aduit of Richmond and Bernard "Brad" Bradley of El Cerrito.

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP: Blaine J. Davis, chamber member, and the Edward Jones Investment representative in El Cerrito, will host a five-week workshop on setting financial and investment goals.

"Financial Workshop for Individual Investors" began Sept. 9 and runs through Oct. 7. Classes meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the community room of Del Norte Place, behind Davis' office, at 11760 San Pablo Ave. The fee is \$14 for the series and includes all course material. To reserve call Tami at 510-237-3495.

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce office is located at 10848 San Pablo Ave. The phone number is 510-233-7040.

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FROM PAGE A3

Across the Bay in Marin is the popular Tiburon bike path. (Please note: A columnist is about to write about Marin County without taking a nasty swipe at it.) Park in town and join the others on this easy-to-find, well-populated trail. On weekends, it's full of bicyclists with their trademark European candy wrapper shirts, dog walkers, runners and in-line skaters. If you're up for a bigger challenge, once you hit Blackie's Pasture, instead of turning back, cross the street and head east. Now you're on the Paradise Loop which will put back in Tiburon after some eight miles. You can refuel at places like Sam's Anchor Cafe or head to Mill Valley for a salty margarita at the Cantina on East Blithedale.

By the way, just a short distance from Tiburon is Angel Island, a California State Park with all kinds of appealing trails. It's a quick, inexpensive ferry ride from Tiburon (415-435-2131). Ayala Cove is a terrific place to picnic, so bring food.

Lately, we have been heading to Crissy Field in San Francisco. Parking, even on weekends, is never a problem. We start out near the St. Francis Yacht Club and take the crowded path to Fort Point. This is a place that makes us

smile and the reasons are many; the stunning views, the dogs playing on the beach, the windsurfs and kayakers in the choppy Bay waters and the other people who are in as cheery a mood as we are. When we make this run, we head back to the Embarcadero for brunch outside at funky Pier 23. Parking is not a problem. Just bring plenty of quarters for the meter.

Finally, I would be remiss not to add the Embarcadero to our list of favorites. From Pac Bell Park to Fisherman's Wharf, it's the definitive run with a Bay view. By the way, Sunday, October 6th is the date for the 27th Annual Bridge to Bridge Run (www.bridgeto-bridge.com) which some race aficionados call the most scenic run in America. I played a part in the creation of this fun event and agree with them wholeheartedly. Cheers.

Reach Mike Cleary at mc@foodandtravelradio.com

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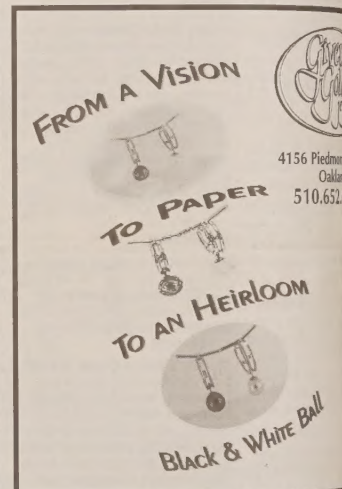
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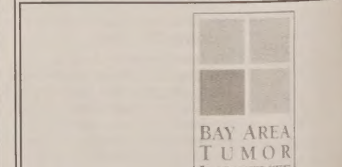
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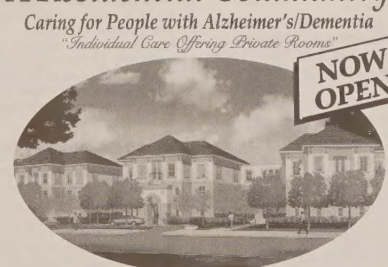
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Said Mayor Janet Abelson, after the ceremony: "I think it's a time to reflect. In a way it reminds us what we have in this country — our freedom, all that our country stands for."

After the names were read, Bond said a prayer, followed by several minutes of silence. Finally the fire truck bell was rung again

at 7:28 a.m., the time when the north tower collapsed.

"Give special guidance to firefighters so they're protected from harm while performing their duties," said Bond, in his prayer.

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or alopez1@cctimes.com.

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FROM PAGE A1

Baxter Creek, would work on fund-raising and finding ways to clean up the area, plant native trees and vegetation and re-align the creek so it meanders and runs more naturally. Small attempts have been made to make the area more inviting, including a weathered sign made years ago by Girl Scouts that says "Baxter Creek," as well as a box filled with Friends of Baxter Creek fliers.

"We would turn it basically into a park, a gateway park," said Keimach.

Owens-Viani pictures a paved trail, where currently only gravel exists, that would connect the Ohlone Greenway to the Richmond Central Greenway, a trail that lies across the street on the west side of San Pablo Avenue. Owens-Viani and Friends co-founder Maryann Aberg have

been working for years to restore the creek and restore and maintain the open space there.

"It's a derelict piece of land right now but it has huge potential," said Owens-Viani. "I think what Maryann (Aberg) saw in it is its open space, it can be restored, it can be an amenity to us."

The site is considered a "gateway" to the city because of its proximity to Richmond, and the purchase is part of a larger effort to clean up the borders on the south and north sides of the city, Keimach said. Cerrito Creek, which runs through a piece of property owned by the city at El Cerrito Plaza on the Albany border will likely undergo a process of realignment and restoration next fall.

"Having high quality parks at the main entrance, it reiterates the city of El Cerrito as a nice place to live and a nice place to work and a nice place to drive on San Pablo Avenue, as much as we can make it," said Keimach.

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of nearly every establishment hand-pick merchandise and ingredients and pride themselves on their quality and presentation. This mile-long stretch of College Avenue between Alcatraz Avenue and 51st Street at Broadway strings together shops that offer personal items, gifts, home furnishings/decor, clothing, jewelry, books and services such as dry cleaning, shoe repair and cellphone sales. Interspersed throughout, like jeweled beads on a necklace, are roughly 40 eating establishments that include some of the top-rated restaurants and bakeries in the Bay Area.

Aside from the espresso drinks

sold at a dozen-or-so coffee houses and cafes along the avenue, one would be hard-pressed to find two like items in any two businesses—even those that offer merchandise or menus in similar categories.

Friendly competition

For example, there are two art galleries located within a block of each other that both opened their doors 10 years ago. Their owners are good friends, fellow activists in the business community and provide referrals to each other.

At the **Christensen Heller Gallery** at 5831 College Ave., handcrafted jewelry and funky decorative items of all sizes and shapes

line the showcases and shelves. The gallery is known for fine jewelry, such as one-of-a-kind wedding ring sets, plus unique art items for decor, such as a 3-foot-high glass table lamp shaped like a giant jellyfish.

Proprietress Jan Christensen-Heller sees the pieces as an extension of her high standards.

"I can personally select each piece of merchandise, each stone that goes into the jewelry, and this reflects the ethics of the people I buy from," she said. "I get to know those people intimately, along with the customers and suppliers."

This approach earned the Christensen Heller Gallery a spot as one

More often than not, the owners of establishment hand-pick all merchandise and ingredients and pride themselves on quality and presentation.

of the nation's top 100 craft retailers out of a field of 2,500, according to The Rosen Group, a prominent sponsor of craft/wholesale shows.

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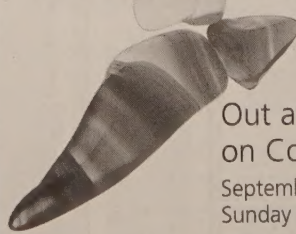
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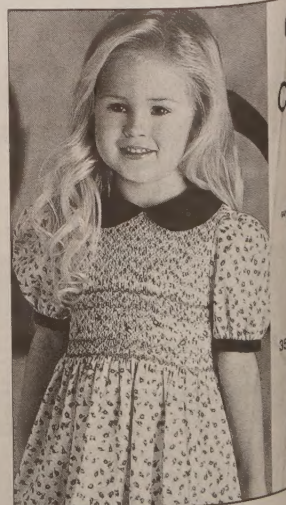
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son Associates, the family-run developers/owners of **Market Hall**, 5655 College Ave. "There are six really well-known Persian or Oriental carpet stores on the street, and they're all different."

Located just steps away from the district's centrally located Rockridge BART station, Market Hall houses a conglomerate of eight ground-floor retailers for flowers, food and beverages, as well as upstairs office space and the renowned **Oliveto Café & Restaurant**. Here, as in virtually all of Rockridge, the focus is on quality over quantity and cost.

"The difference between shopping in Rockridge and shopping at

the mall is that you get in touch with store owners," Wilson said.

Merchandise from around the world

Another difference is the scrutiny used by shopkeepers in buying foreign-made items with a reputation for being the best in the world — bringing a cosmopolitan feel to their stores.

Such is the case at **Ildi & Co.**, 5902 College Ave., which specializes in "adornment for the home and self" with a largely European theme. Even its name is European, taken from the Hungarian "Ildico," the name of owner Melissa O'Connor's mother.

The bright, airy shop carries stationery items, hats, handbags, furniture, bedding, gifts and bath products that offer options not found at franchise stores, according to O'Connor.

"We carry things with a vintage-style feeling that is also classic," she said. "You won't find typical store catalog items in here, or in most of the shops on the street."

The classics include Bridgewater pottery from England, Nicholas Mosse pottery from Ireland, damask table linens from France and U.S.-made quilts by Judy Boisson.

O'Connor, who opened her shop 4 years ago, is one of several merchants who also live in the surrounding neighborhood. Rockridge is known for its stately Craftsman-style houses and smaller bungalow homes, built mostly in the early 20th century. Many offer spectacular views of San Francisco.

Another local resident and shopkeeper with tabs on the international crowd is Claudette Von Restin, who opened the **Cotton & Company** store for children's and maternity wear just after losing her home in the 1991 Oakland Hills fires.



CANDY COLLIER

BLOOMIE'S PROFUSION of flowers and plants creates a vibrant scene at Rockridge's Market Hall as well as brighten the locations where customers take the fresh blooms.

What began as one small shop grew to two College Ave. sites, then expanded into the large corner spot at 5901 College Ave that just added a children's shoe department. Von Restin also opened a second store four years ago in Lafayette.

Rather than bringing the world to its customers, Cotton & Company's clientele visits from all over the world, the nation and the Bay Area. The high-quality children's, infant and maternity clothing draws regulars from Paris, London, New Zealand, and also has a strong domestic following in Oregon, Washington, New York and Pennsylvania.

"It's really a cosmopolitan community, so we get a lot of customers who live in Europe and are here on business for part of the year," Von Restin said, noting that the nearby University of California, Berkeley campus brings in many foreigners.

As a mother of two and a grandmother of three, Von Restin keeps her customers' needs in mind when buying stock.

"I have 124 sets of twins as customers, which means they might be dressed not exactly alike, but similar," she said. "I like to think of this as a family place where I know the customer's names."

Blending quality and tradition

Elements of the European-style marketplace highlight Market Hall's eight retail outlets, which also harken back to the tradition of early 20th-century America, when people shopped for produce and meats daily before cooking dinner.

"We're dedicated to providing high-quality food and ingredients on a daily basis to people, as opposed to a supermarket," said marketing spokesperson Wilson.

"We have customers every day who want food as fresh as they can get it."

The **Pasta Shop** at Market Hall merges this fresh daily ingredients concept with an on-the-go lifestyle by offering prepared entrees that are ready to cook, such as stuffed lamb chops, stuffed salmon, pasta dishes and chicken brochettes.

It attracts gourmet cooks by featuring a wide variety of homemade prosciutto, salami and 150 types of "artisan" cheese — from small cheesemakers in the U.S. and Europe. And its shelves feature a spectrum of better-quality ingredients that include imported olive oils, French specialty teas and even maple syrup.

The Pasta Shop sells its homemade pastas to area restaurants and Whole Foods markets. It also

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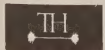


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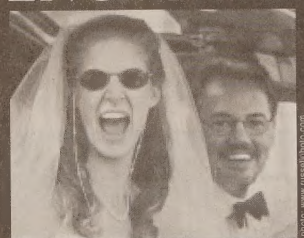


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offers both full-service catering and

prepared food platters, as well as a staff that can intelligently discuss the day's entrees, deli case items and shelf stock.

"Modern life's biggest construction is time," Wilson said. "We pro-

vide a crossover with prepared dishes by making it possible to cook for you, or you can get the ingredients and spend hours cooking it yourself."

Other shops at Market Hall

stress the same high-quality ingredients theme, such as Enzo's Meat & Poultry, Rockridge Fish and Market Hall Produce, which features organically grown, locally grown and farmer's market items.

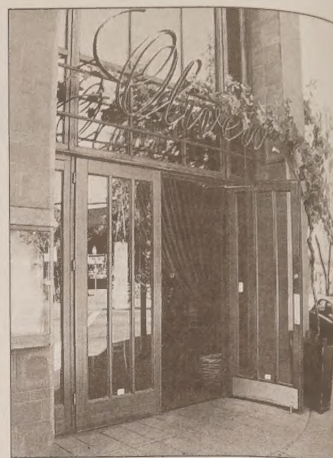
Even the standard sidewalk café fare aims for a higher standard. Peaberry's Coffee & Tea custom-roasts its beans in Emeryville and specializes in imported teas. For finishing touches to the dinner table, Bloomies florist and Paul Marcus Wines do the job.

Market Hall's popularity as a BART stop for passengers continuing past the Caldecott Tunnel contributes to its expansion into a new building next to its Shafter Avenue frontage. Market Hall Produce will be on the ground level, with offices above, and existing vendors in the main building will take up the extra space.

Rockin' Rockridge

Merchants along College Avenue from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 will feature sidewalk sales for the Rockin' Rockridge Street Fair, sponsored by the Rockridge District Association Merchants.

Live musical acts will be at key points throughout the shopping district, starting near Grasshopper restaurant at the street's far north end, and extending to the Hudson Bay Café at the far south end, near the California College of Arts & Crafts.



CANDY COLLIER

Musical groups include the Brazilian jazz band Crying High at the College Presbyterian Church, the Harry Best Steel Band near Hudson/College, Critical Mass and the New Orleans Brass Band near Safeway.

Starting at 1 p.m., youngsters from the Prescott Clown Troupe, trained by Cirque De Soleil, will provide street entertainment, and a 2 p.m. performance is scheduled at

Market Hall. In conjunction with the Fair, Market Hall is sponsoring a picnic in the Shafter Avenue area, which will be closed to through traffic while keeping open BART parking. Market Hall will prepare food. Other vendors are roasting a pig. See ROCKRIDGE

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In addition to filling a new food niche in Rockridge — not an easy task when considering the variety of eateries there — the trio found that the critical mass of competition brought even more customers to their door. Rockridge's location as a destination for East Bay dining also plays a big part in the success of its restaurants.

"We had no idea that it was a default decision for many East Bay residents to come this far, but not commit to going all the way into the city over the Bay Bridge," Ellis said. "People say there are not enough food-savvy places in Walnut Creek or Concord, so they come here."

Food savvy also applies to Oliveto Café & Restaurant next to Market Hall, which is one of the Bay Area's top Italian restaurants. It features the "second main course" of a traditional three-hour Italian meal, where the pasta dishes found at most Italian eateries in America are only the first main course.

The list of restaurants goes on and on in both foreign and domestic cuisines, as well as in coffee shops, cafes, bakeries, pizza parlors and taquerias. The best way to experience Rockridge dining is to bring your stomach and follow your nose.

A sense of place

Rockridge is located a few blocks west of the ritzy Claremont Hotel, a few miles south of the UC Berkeley campus, and marks its boundary with the California College of Arts & Crafts. The Rockridge BART station is at the heart of the shopping district and provides easy access for all visitors, though street parking for vehicles is ample compared to San Francisco.

Plans by the Rockridge Business Improvement District are to create a sense of space by unifying the street décor and perhaps adding seating for tired shoppers.

Other merchants along College Avenue offer both new and vintage/used clothing, antiques, furniture, imported rugs, unique gift items, beads and even wedding gowns.

But across all retail and restaurant categories, it's clear that Rockridge provides visitors a flavor of the unique and creative side of shopping, as well as truly fine dining.



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Market Hall Produce, 510-601-8208; 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Mon. – Fri.; 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Sat. – Sun.

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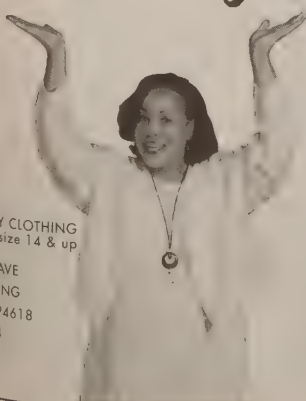
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By Sara Steffens
STAFF WRITER

We thought you could use a little good news today.

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That's a 50-percent increase from last year — an amazing feat, especially in the midst of an economic downturn that might have made families think twice about giving.

At last count, we'd received 910 filled backpacks, 638 pencil boxes and \$17,409.

Both the sheer volume and the quality of the items left in the project's collection bins amazed onlookers.

Showing their sense of what's hip with kids, many donors chose the stuff favored by the area's most fortunate students: pristine JanSport backpacks, MTV-brand spiral organizers and all manner of Pokémon, Powerpuff and Scooby-Doo products.

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Some packs and pencil boxes

held fun little extras, including stickers and sparkly pencils.

A few also contained touching personal notes, such as the one written by young Carey, adorned with Tinker Bell stickers: "I hope you like the backpack. I love you."

Especially touching was the tiny Thomas the Tank Engine pack, stuffed full of supplies chosen specially "For a boy starting kindergarten."

Project Ready to Learn is a true community effort, and too many people pitched in to thank each individually.

We do, however, need to extend our gratitude especially to those who helped with the enormous task of sorting and supporting the supplies, namely:

■ The Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, who provided an amazingly efficient Saturday morning labor force.

■ The Times and Hill couriers, who agreed to tote thousands of pounds of donated supplies on their daily rounds.

■ The Times staff members who cheerfully helped lug load after load of packs to and from our office.

■ Volunteers Cheryl Locy, Don Hadaway and Marjean and Frank Brush, who stuffed their trucks and vans with hundreds of packs for distribution.

■ Suzan Lawrence and her staff, and volunteers at Contra Costa's Volunteer and Emergency Services, who delivered other supplies to children in need throughout Contra Costa County.

■ The Young Women's Organization of the Danville Stake of the LDS church, and volunteer Karen Robman, who shopped for backpacks and school supplies with cash contributions.

■ Vanessa Anderson and the staff of the Shirley Eastman Children's Fund of Alameda County Social Services, who personally picked up hundreds of donated packs and delivered them to children in need throughout Alameda County.

We also want to thank our major donors, especially the Danville chapter of the National Charity League, the Sheriff's

Posse of Contra Costa County, the Clayton Business and Community Association, the AT&T Pioneers of the Greater Bay Area and Elan Publishing of New Hampshire.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to the local woman who wishes to remain anonymous, but has become a major benefactor to the project, giving a total of \$4,000 this year.

All of that said, the true backbone of this effort is the hundreds of donations, large and small, left by readers throughout Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

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Bicycle is more than basic transportation; it can be a fun and exciting way to ride. You share the road with cars, trucks, and other cyclists. Since accidents can turn a bicycling adventure into a tragedy, here are some tips to help make your ride a safe one.

PROTECT YOUR HEAD - Wear a helmet

Studies have shown that using a bicycle helmet can reduce head injuries by 85 percent. Select a helmet that has a snug but comfortable fit. Look for the helmet to show that it is recommended by either the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

BE SEEN - Wear proper clothes

Wear clothes that make you more visible. Clothing should be light in color and have reflective markings. Ride on the right side of the street in single file. Use hand signals. Never weave from lane to lane or tailgate to hitch rides on cars or trucks.

GO WITH THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC - The safe way is the right way.

Always obey the rules of the road. These include all traffic signs, signals and hand signals. Never weave from lane to lane or tailgate to hitch rides on cars or trucks.

LOOK BOTH WAYS - Be aware of traffic around you

Out of ten car-bicycle crashes occur at driveways or other intersections. Before you enter a street or intersection, check for traffic and look left-right-left. Walk your bicycle across busy streets at corners or crosswalks.

BE ALERT - Keep a look-out for obstacles in your path

Look out for potholes, sewer gratings, cracks, railroad tracks, loose gravel and glass. Before going around any object, look ahead and behind. Make a free gap in traffic. Plan your move, and then signal your intentions. Be especially careful in wet weather, as water can make you slip and make brakes work improperly.

ON THE DARK SIDE - Be cautious when biking at night. If you are riding at night, always use front and rear lights on your bicycle. Wear reflective clothing or materials, especially on your ankles, wrists, back and front. Ride in areas that are familiar and on streets that are brightly lit.

OFF-ROAD - Follow designated bike routes, if available

Bike routes are marked by special signs or lines. Bike paths are special areas reserved for cyclists. Become familiar with such accommodations for your area.

IT UP - Make sure your bicycle is adjusted properly

Bicycles should be correctly adjusted to fit you. Before using your bike, make sure that all parts are secure and working. The handlebars should be firmly in place and turn easily; the wheels should be straight and true. Your local bike shop is the best place to have your bike checked by a professional and do these types of service everyday.

IT - Check brakes before riding

Control your speed by using your brakes. If your bicycle has hand brakes, make sure they are adjusted slightly before the front brakes. Remember to ride on a dry, slippery weather and to apply brakes earlier, since it takes longer to stop. Again, your local bike shop can check your bike over to make certain that your brakes are in good working order.

ONT FLIP YOUR BIKE - Wheels should be securely fastened

Before every ride, after every fall or after transporting your bike, make sure that they are fastened and secure. Make sure that tires are inflated and not flat. Your local bike shop can help you with this, as well.

Helpful tips provided by: Cycle City - Alameda

What's the deal with cycling shoes?

Getting the proper cycling shoes can make a huge difference in your riding. Cycling shoes have stiffer soles to efficiently transfer power from your feet to the pedals and to protect your feet. The lack of stiff soles in sneakers, for example, allows your feet to collapse through the arches while pedaling, which may cause pain, tendon problems and a burning sensation on the bottoms of the feet.

The key differences between cycling shoes and most other sports shoes are:

- Stiff soles for protection from the pedals and to ensure that no energy is lost in transferring power to the pedals.
- A snug fit so that your feet can't move around in the shoes while you're pedaling.
- Little or no cushioning in the soles because this would interfere with pedaling.
- Lightweight, ventilated uppers to keep your feet cool and dry and to keep the shoes lightweight.
- Special fixing points for the cleats, which engage the pedals.

Types of Shoes & Common Features

Road Riding:

Road shoes have very stiff soles, sometimes made of carbon fiber for extra strength and minimum weight. They usually sport lightweight ventilated uppers made from nylon mesh and are reinforced in places with Lorica or similar synthetic leather. Velcro or ratchet fastening systems are popular so that adjustments can be made "on the fly," tighter for climbing or sprinting, looser if your feet swell or feel uncomfortable.

Racers do not need to put their feet down very often, so having recessed cleats is not important. However, this does make those occasions when you do need to walk a bit awkward. Most racers waddle like a duck or tiptoe across the parking lot in their clumsy shoes, but once on a bike, the system is excellent. An important thing to remember with road shoes is that you do need to check cleats regularly for wear.

Off-Road:

Off-road shoes are also quite stiff and inflexible but not as much as road models. Like the road riders, off roaders want good power transfer through the shoes to the pedals. However, off-road shoes all have recesses for the cleats and aggressive tread patterns for those occasions when it's necessary to get off and hoof it. Some shoes even accept screw-in studs or spikes near the toes for grip on very muddy trails. Uppers are usually a little more robust than on road shoes, to cope with brushing through the undergrowth. If laces are used, these are usually hidden by a protective tongue. Soggy laces are no fun to untie when you're tired after a tough ride!

Casual Riding:

Shoes for casual riding are manufactured with comfort in mind, and therefore tend to be a little more flexible than their super-stiff racing brothers, as the pressure exerted on them will not be so great and they will be used for much more walking than race shoes will be. Many tourists choose casual shoes with clipless pedals because of their versatility and they may wear them for long days of riding (or even throughout a prolonged tour) and so appreciate the little extra forgiveness in the soles. Styles vary from boot-like designs to low cut, almost racing-style shoes with some good compromise models in terms of colors, weight and design in the middle ground.

Fit

Cycling shoes fit more snugly than regular shoes so your feet won't slip around inside when you're pedaling. This is also why you should always wear special cycling socks with your shoes. These are thin so they won't stretch out the shoes, ruining the fit. It's true that one's feet will swell a bit during a long ride, so a nice balance should be struck between snug fit and too-tight. When looking at performance shoes, it's important to try on a few brands for shape. Like a saddle, high-end bike shoes are only comfortable if their shape works with your body.

You can help maintain the proper fit by stuffing your shoes with newspapers to let them dry properly after rainy/wet rides that soak the shoes.

- Mike's Bikes

Proper bicycle fitting is everything!

The proper fit is essential to comfort, safety, and efficiency on a bicycle. Improperly fit bikes create uncomfortable riding positions. Feeling like you have too much weight on your hands, the sensation of sliding off the front of your saddle, excessive discomfort around your groin, or an over or under extension of your legs, are all symptoms of an improper fit.

The proper fit is very individual. It is based on the type of bike, fitness level of rider and the rider's body type, and tailored to the type of riding an individual plans on doing.

Books have been written, and fitting machines have been constructed just to create the proper fit. There are dozens of fitting techniques ranging from the old method of lifting up a bike until it hits your crotch, to the use of a Sorotto fit cycle equipped with a comp-u-trainer in a wind tunnel measuring wattage (power out-put) versus aero dynamic efficiency.

For the sake of this article, we will use the K.O.P.S. fitting method Knee Over Pedal System. A few basic fitting tenants to remember are: first, you fit the bike to the person not the person to the bike, all fittings start from the bottom and work their way up the body, and finally, as in life, when fitting we seek balance. Accordingly, we don't want to put a very large stem on a very small bike, and we don't want an unreasonable amount of seat post exposed. For a person with narrow shoulders, we don't use very wide handlebars.

Working our way up from the bottom, the shoes need to be adjusted first. When pedaling, a rider's feet need to point the same direction as they point when he or she walks. If you are using clipless pedals, the cleats can be adjusted to point to the front of the bike regardless of the position of the shoe. While keeping the pedal cleat under the ball of the foot, the cleat should then be moved laterally or pivoted so that the rider's foot rests in its natural position when clipped in to the pedals.

Once the shoes are properly adjusted, we need to establish the proper seat height. This height is determined by extending the leg to the point of maximum extension, with a sight, heel up bend. With the proper seat height, the bend in the knee at the point of maximum extension should be approximately 30 degrees + or - 5 degrees. It is a good idea to watch a person ride - if the hips are rocking, the seat is most likely too high. If a person does not drop his heels and point his knees outward, it is a strong indication that the seat is too low. Alongside of seat height, the angle of the nose of the saddle can be adjusted. A persons weight should be displaced on the saddle so that, when holding the handlebars in a normal riding position, 1/3 of the weight rests on each one of the ischial tuberosities (sit bones) and the remaining 1/3 on the pelvic cradle. A sensation of sliding, either forward or off the back of the saddle is a signal that the angle needs to be adjusted.

Once the seat height is established with proper leg extension, the correct for and aft position of the saddle needs to be determined. We strive to position the pedals directly under the knee when pedaling, to create the most efficient pedaling angle. To measure this the rider should put the pedals at the 3 and 9 o'clock position. Working with the forward leg, we use a plumb bob dropped from the tibial tuberosity (the bump just under the kneecap). The seat should be moved back or forward on the seatpost so that the tibial tuberosity, the ball of the foot, and spindle of the pedal are in line. When in proper position, the rider should feel like his feet are making circles below his knees not in front or behind them.

If the lower body position is a science, then the upper body fit is an art. In a proper fit we strive to position the upper body so that the rider is comfortable, with enough weight on the front wheel to control the bike, and ready to react. This is achieved by positioning the rider in the "Sprung" position-a position in which the rider is ready to react. On a road bike we put the riders hands on the hoods, with a slight bend in the elbows. On a mountain bike or hybrid we grab the handle bar grips with a slight bend in the elbow. Depending on the ride style of the individual and the type of bike, the angle of the back should be 30 to 80 degrees from a level floor. A position of 45 degrees is considered neutral, over 45 is passive, and under 45 degrees is aggressive posturing. On mountain bikes and hybrids, while in the sprung position, the front hub should appear 1 to 1 1/2" behind the handle bar in the rider's line of sight as he looks down. On a road bike, with hands on the hoods, the front hub should be blocked from view by the handlebar.

Fitting follows many rules, none of which are absolutes. The proper fit evolves from feedback from the person being fit. The end goal is ensuring pleasant and safe cycling. When you wake up on Sunday morning, scratch your chin and think, "Should I go for a bike ride or a hike?" We want the answer to be BIKE RIDE every time.

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Stroll

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Nonprofit booths of the Girl Scouts, schools, churches and political organizations also lined the street.

"There's no bad spot to be on the street if you're a vendor or merchant or band, because people cruise the whole thing," Bullwink said.

Families, teenagers, senior citizens and thousands more from Berkeley, Albany and the surrounding area turned out for the event, drawn by curiosity or tradition.

Kerry McLean and her husband, Alan Hobesh, have been bringing their two young sons to

the stroll since they moved to Berkeley four years ago.

"What can you say? We come every year," McLean said as a frozen lemonade was passed around for each family member to sip. "We don't live very far and there's always good music and food."

There was a somber touch to this year's festival with the theme of the day, Journey of 1,000 Cranes, based on the true story of a 12-year-old Japanese girl dying of radiation sickness after the United States bombed Hiroshima.

The girl wanted to make 1,000 of the cranes, believing it would heal her, but died after creating about 600 of them. Family and neighbors finished the effort and

in the process started a national movement for peace.

Bullwink said she saw the cranes strung up at the World Trade Center site in New York and thought the idea would be good for the stroll, being held just a few days before the Sept. 11 anniversary.

A parade with floats based on the crane theme was held at 11 a.m. Booths were available where people could make the origami cranes. Many of the cranes will be used to create a collage that will be sent to the World Trade Center site, with the rest equally distributed to the Berkeley and Albany fire departments, Bullwink said.

"People did respond to it in a really wonderful way," Bullwink said. "I got a lot of feedback from people really thankful the community could participate in something that large with a spiritual element to it that was still really fun."

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or at alopez1@cctimes.com.



A FLEETOF Art Cars was again a popular attraction during the opening parade of the Stroll in Albany and Berkeley on Sunday.



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Spend a day on a lovely island in San Francisco Bay, visit historic homes where families dwell, and stroll through neighborhoods rich in architectural heritage. The Alameda Legacy Home Tour takes place Sunday from 11 am until 5 pm. The event is hosted by the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society and the Alameda Museum.

The architectural styles featured span the Victorian and Edwardian eras, so of course Queen

Victoria, her consort Prince Albert, King Edward VII, and Queen Alexandra will be on the tour to inspect the premises. Victoria and Albert and their courtiers will favor us with a selection of dances in Franklin Park at 11 am, noon, and 1 pm on tour day. Please practice your curtsies!

Another special attraction is a work in progress, where a family has undertaken the major restoration of a Queen Anne. The ground floor has been renovated as their refuge during the vicissitudes of the project; the main floor is yet untouched; the upper floor has been completely restored with glorious wallpapers, faux finishes, stenciling, and decor.

Berkeley's Building Education Center and the Silva Book Company will offer a selection of volumes about architecture, history and renovation.

The vintage residences will be complemented by antique vehicles, among them a 1912 Buick and a Model T doctor's coupe from 1927.

Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 on the day of the tour. The price includes a keepsake Legacy Guidebook and light refreshments in a delightful garden. To buy tickets by mail, make your check payable to ALHT and send it to the Alameda Museum, 2324 Alameda Avenue, Alameda CA 94501. For information, call 510-523-5907 or e-mail alameda-hometour@netscape.net.

Free seminars at Truitt & White

Truitt and White Lumber will present a free seminar tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on "Deck Product Options and Finishing Techniques." Topics covered will include a comprehensive look at decking and deck finishing products on the market today.

Participants will come away with the knowledge they need to choose the right product for their specific

project. Manufacturer representatives will be there before and after the seminar to answer any questions about the products on display. Then on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., you can learn about the advantages of replacing old inefficient plastic skylights with VELUX Energy Star approved glass skylights. A VELUX representative will demonstrate the ease of installation

and new lighting. The seminar will include the traditional tractor face, bubbles in various materials. These free seminars at Truitt & White Lumber Co., 1000 Ave. in Berkeley are required to reserve. 510-649-2674. Refreshments served.

House

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case, a career move changed all of that. Rather than sell it as a "cosmetic fixer," they decided to completely transform the house before putting it on the market. The Elwells commissioned Susan Reese of Rejuvené redesign and manage the work. Susan has a talent for evaluating property in terms of what might be required to bring the best out of it.

The overriding theme for this home was one of light and views. False ceilings were removed to expose more wonderful beams and spaces, the kitchen and master bath were completely remodeled, new lighting, cherry cabinets and new appliances were installed.

A walk-in master closet and beautiful bathroom (with a view of the Golden Gate Bridge) were also created. Walls were repainted with soft, comfortable and tasteful colors.

A deck was built on the back steps leading down to a private garden. The living room and master bath were tastefully redesigned. After a few months, the house was shown. The home was sold for \$748,000 by Susan Reese. Call Pamela Manning at 510-649-2674. The home was shown every day from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tour

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Gorgeous Vintage Packard automobiles will be on display at each of the homes, courtesy of the Packard International Motorcar Club.

An on-going reception at a unique 1928 Mediterranean home, complete with an all-original mechanical waterfall in the rear yard and a room designed with actual tree trunks to simulate the outdoors, will be catered by A.G. Ferrari. Tour proceeds benefit the Oakland Heritage Alliance, a non-profit preservation organization.

"Oakmore residents were ringing our phone off the hook volunteering their homes for the tour," said Cynthia Haines, Chair of the Tour and an OHA Board member. "The people on this hill are fantastic. Their generosity is matched only by the charm of their homes."

Oakmore Highlands, home to ship jumpers, mill workers, and various scalawags in the late 1800s, defied residential development until the Walter H. Leimert Co. built a single-arch bridge spanning Diamond Canyon and Sausal Creek to connect Park Boulevard with the oak-clad hills.

Lots were drawn to contour the topography, and the company instructed its engineers to save every tree possible, declaring it a "sacred

obligation" to preserve the trees that inspired the first Stock party to christen the "Oakland." A special honorarium for the Lane Society by the Oakland Heritage Alliance will be held at 11 a.m. at the tour. \$30 in advance and \$25 for OHA at 510-782-2222. More details.

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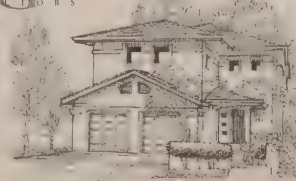
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Venetian blinds: a love-hate relationship

Number 405 in a series of true experiences in real estate

When I was a kid, my parents "popped" for venetian blinds on, pretty much, every window in the house.

A man came to measure, then, later, someone else installed the blinds along with a wooden box valance across the top of each window or, in some cases, a pair of windows.

The blinds were clean and bright and new, white painted metal slats and woven cords to control them. They could be adjusted to let in light or to close out stares from anyone outside.

Unfortunately, the blinds got dusty. My mother had to wipe each slat all the way across its width. Or she used the brush attachment on her Electrolux vacuum cleaner to sweep every one. Cleaning took up a lot of time and taxed my patience.

I don't think I gave venetian blinds another thought until I was in high school and my boyfriend and I were looking for ways to make money. We agreed to deep clean a waiting room in a doctor's office, the windows of which were outfitted with venetian blinds. Not a problem for us, I thought at the time, because I'd watched my mother for years cleaning the blinds at home. And it wasn't. We did it (I think we got paid \$10 for cleaning the whole office), although it did take a long time.

The next time venetian blinds came into my life was many years later when my husband and I bought, at different times, several houses with blinds already installed. We didn't have to talk about the blinds. We both knew without any discussion that they had to go. We took down the boxes across the tops and, after pulling them up by their cords, wrapped the blinds in their cords,

storing the stacks of bound slats in our garage.

There they lay for a time until we got around to cleaning out the garage and we had to decide what to do with them. We couldn't imagine ever wanting to rehang them. They had been cut to fit the windows from which they'd been removed so it seemed unlikely that we or anyone else would reuse them.

We didn't even like them, outdated and difficult to clean as they were, yet I remember being reluctant to discard them. "I just know we're going to be sorry we got rid of these," I said. Maybe I felt that way because by then they seemed to be antiques, products that would never be made in the same way again. Or maybe it was nostalgia for everyday parts of my childhood.

But we did junk them, took them to the dump, and I never was sorry. I never had a moment when I wished I had those venetian blinds back again.

After that, including today in my own house, I've used on some windows mini-blinds, those skinny-slatted plastic blinds from Home Depot. For standard window sizes, stock items, they typically cost about \$6 per window. They're not very attractive although they do do the same things my parents' venetian blinds did — close out view lines into the house or let in the light.

They are really a pain to clean, even worse than the old venetian blinds, probably because they're made of less weighty materials and deform easily. I really should just throw them away and buy new ones rather than try to clean them. But somehow, that never seems like the right thing to do. Vacuuming doesn't work very well, so I wash them.

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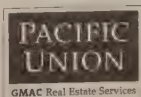
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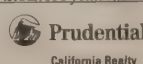
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still fresh in its victims' minds. After all of the guest speakers had finished our presentations, the audience comment portion began. It was obvious from the tone of many of the fire victims who spoke that evening that their emotions were still a bit raw on this subject.

There were bitter complaints from some about the problems encountered trying to get permission from the city planning department to rebuild their original homes, or to build something new.

Others vented over their frustrations with their insurance companies in trying to receive the full coverage for completely reconstructing their historic houses.

Some in the audience accused the AIA of trying to profiteer from their losses by holding such a meeting in the first place. They saw it as a thinly disguised attempt to get work for their membership in the designing of any new homes that remained to be built.

Others harshly criticized the Oakland City Planning Department, certain architects and some of their own neighbors for allowing a proliferation of what many were calling "McMansions," massive, tasteless houses that blocked the sunlight and views of the homes around them.

For several days after that meeting, I reflected on the lessons to be learned from both the varying comments of the victims, and the local media coverage of the aftermath of that tragic event.

Today, we are being bombarded with similar media attention on the question of whether to rebuild the lost World Trade Center, to build something similar, or to not build any kind of commercial structures on that hallowed site.

The families of the victims have had a strong voice in this debate, most saying they want to leave the entire footprint of the Twin Towers to remain unbuilt as a memorial to their lost loved ones.

The conclusion I have come to in cases of such devastating disasters, when there is a monumental destruction of the human built environment, is the following.

Whenever a large, urban district is wiped out by a disaster, whether man made or natural, and there is a loss of landmarks that served as icons to the whole community, or the nation, then something greater than the interests of any individuals or special interest groups must guide those who make the ultimate decisions on what, or whether to rebuild on such sites.

The principle that should guide these decisions should be, I believe, a historic perspective on the interests of the greater community, and not an immediate emotional response to the desires or demands of any political or economic pressure group. Yes, we must take into account what victims think should be done, but we must not be bound solely by their wishes.

Architects, developers, and city planners must take a long range view of the value of rebuilding any lost landmarks, and do so whenever it is possible or practical.

Because history will not only judge our actions generations from now, but will pass a harsh verdict on our society if we turn our backs on our great architectural and cultural heritage, and only build "McMansions" in the sky — or worse yet, do not rebuild at all.

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Tarpoft

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blind in place, remove the blind, take it to my concrete patio. Wash with warm, soapy water and sponge, first one side, then, after flipping over, do the other. Rinse, right away, with a hose, find a place to hang the blind up to drip dry.

It works. It's a pain. I don't do it often enough.

Guess what? I just noticed in a Home Depot ad that they're advertising Faux Wood Blinds. They look similar to the ones my parents had, fatter than mini-blinds, but now they come in fake wood or aluminum.

I'd have to go to the store to check them out, but it looks like there are different "wood" varieties available and that the aluminum is offered in several colors. How interesting, how "modern" and yet, how old.

Speaking as a person who does not know how to sew window coverings, and who has a very hard time visualizing what will look good on windows, I understand the appeal of blinds. They're quick, close to instant and not very expensive. Plus, they work.

Which are the very reasons I have them on some of my windows. It's almost too bad that they're so handy because they aren't any more attractive today than the old ones were. Blinds still look institutional, too slick and hard and unyielding to be comforting to the eye.

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have on Oakland. Hear about the consequences of this law at the Oakland Association of Realtors monthly Tour Day Breakfast. The breakfast is at 8:45, on Thursday, Sept. 26, at the OAR Building. Bring marketing flyers and an appetite. For questions and parking information call Ingrid Westgard of North American Title at 510-339-2380 or Aldee Jerome of Fidelity National Title at 510-339-9800.

OLE TIME REUNION

There's still time to be a part of

the Real Estate Ole Timers Reunion Luncheon. The reunion started eleven years ago and is the brainchild of Bob Valva of Valva Realty in Oakland. The date for the luncheon is Thursday, Sept. 19. Real estate agents and affiliates from Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro, both Ole Timers and Young Timers are invited. To receive more information call Valva at 510-451-7317.

RENTAL HOUSING MEETS

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County offers a membership meeting monthly. Non-members are also invited to attend. The next meeting is at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19. The meet-

ing is held at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in Oakland. The guest speaker is Susan Luten, Attorney on Just Cause: The Pitfalls and the Landmines". For information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

TECH TUESDAY AT THE EXPO

The California Realtor Expo and Tech Tuesday is to be held Tues-

day, Oct. 8 through Thursday Oct. 10, at the Long Beach Convention Center. Tech Tuesday offers digital devices hands-on seminars and an exclusive panel featuring technology savvy agents. Visit the Exhibit Hall. Attend the opening luncheon with Motivational Speaker Roger Crawford. CAR Vice President Leslie Appleton-Young will provide

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■ The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB) presents "The Dynamic Networking Breakfast", from 8 to 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18. The new location is Jimmie's Entertainment Complex on San Pablo, in Oakland. Real estate agents are encouraged to bring flyers and market their properties. The meeting is open forum. For more information call **Tyrene Cooley** of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

■ Realists mark your calendars for The California Association of

Real Property Brokers convention. It will be held in Oakland, Oct. 22 to 25.

SUCCESSFUL STAGING

Staging a home for sale is an art. Learn how at The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter monthly meeting. The meeting is at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 20. The location is the Ark at Pier 29 on 29th Avenue in Oakland (at the foot of the Park Street Bridge). For reservations call WCR President, **George Johnson** of Ameristar Financial at 925-314-8314.

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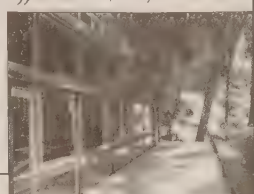
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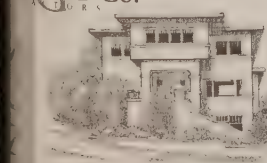
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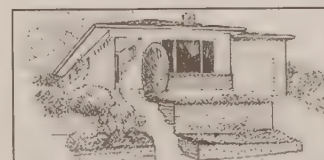
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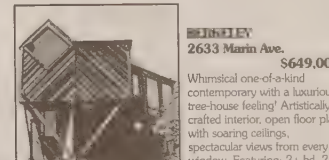
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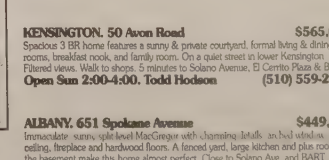


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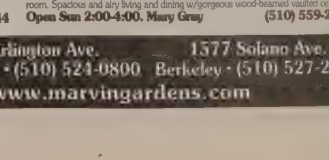


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Each event includes the Gourmet Grill Lunch, prepared by Great American Barbecue (admittance to this lunch can be purchased separately). There are awards, an auction and a raffle. All events are in Alameda on Friday, Sept. 27. For more information and registration forms contact Mary Do at maryd@sonc.org.

RENTAL HOUSING 101

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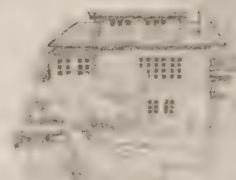
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\$685,000. **Arlene Baxter** x19



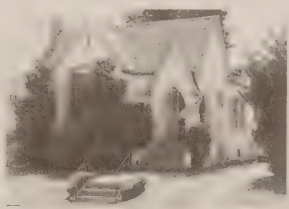
1237 Ordway, Berkeley Open Sun., 2-4

Cottage in the Woods! Sweet & utterly charming. Parklike garden, very private. Minutes to Westbrae shops, Ohlone bike trail, Solano Avenue. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Lovely hardwood floors.
\$469,000. **Jane Allen** x23



1428 Portland, Albany Open Sun., 2-4

New Listing. Large 3 bedroom Tudor style home with vaulted ceiling and wooden multi-pane windows in living room. Formal dining room and spacious family room. Lovingly maintained and light-filled.
\$619,000. **Bill and Tracy** x33



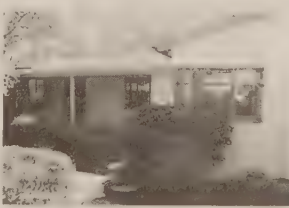
861 Station Place, Berkeley Open Sun., 2-4:30

Located on a little cul-de-sac just off Solano Ave., this charming bungalow enjoys a backyard large enough to satisfy the most avid gardener. It features a generous living room with fireplace and built-in bookcases, a formal dining room, good working kitchen with separate breakfast room, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and a plus room for office or sleeping.
\$450,000. **Barbara Conheim** x28



1110 Monterey, Berkeley Open Sun., 2-4

Adorable 2-bedrm, 1-bath cottage w/ skylights, fireplace in living room, built-ins in dining room, random plank hrwd flrs. Freshly painted inside. Near Solano Ave. & Hopkins Street shops.
\$425,000. **Joan Brunswick** x12



1115 Cowper, Oakland Open Sun., 2-4:30

Meticulously restored 2+ bedroom, 1 bath bungalow. Sunny, cathedral ceilings, skylights, stone counters, ped. sinks, fireplace, claw-foot tub, split level master suite with library sitting room. Beautiful private backyard with patio.
\$420,000. **Chris Ehlers-Hardic**



5435 Ruth Ave., Oakland Maxwell Park. Open Sun., 2-4

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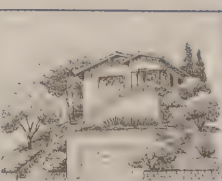
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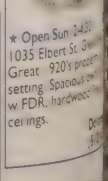
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LOWEST PRICE: \$399,000
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AVERAGE PRICE: \$607,250

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AVERAGE PRICE: \$400,000

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LOWEST PRICE: \$142,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,095,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$370,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$459,831

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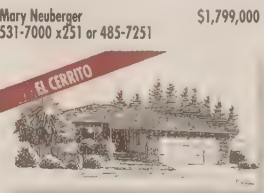
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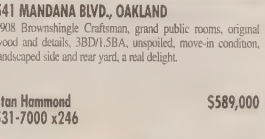
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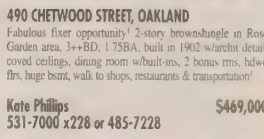
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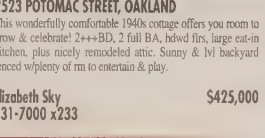
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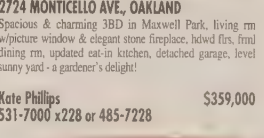
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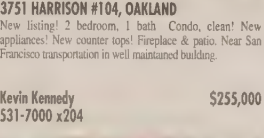
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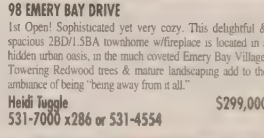
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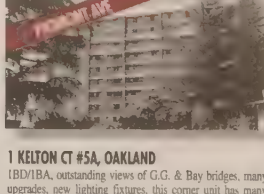
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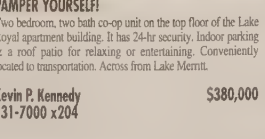
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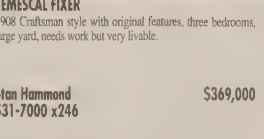
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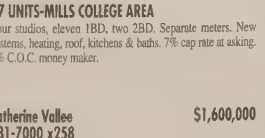
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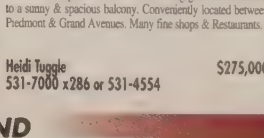
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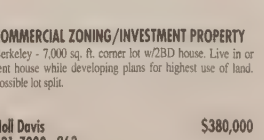
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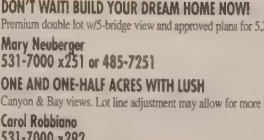
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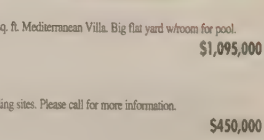
BEAUTIFUL DUPLEX
Original charm plus updated kitchen & bathrooms. Laundry in
each unit, new roof. Fresh paint in and out.



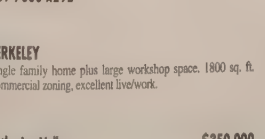
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rent house while developing plans for highest use of land.
Possible lot split.



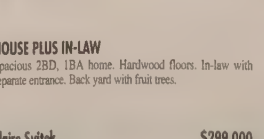
HOUSE PLUS IN-LAW
Spacious 2BD, 1BA home. Hardwood floors. In-law with
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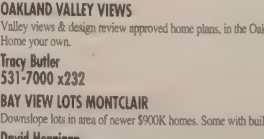
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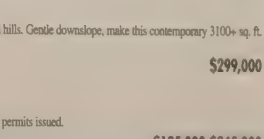
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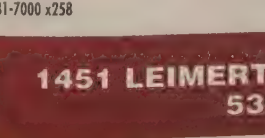
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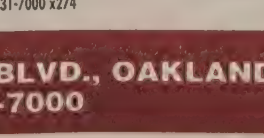
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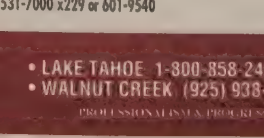
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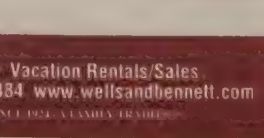
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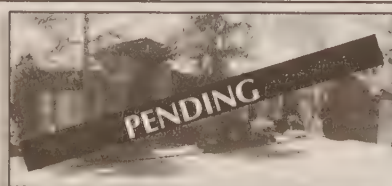
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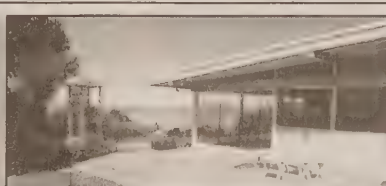
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,350,000
18 AGNES ST. (Open 2-4:30)
1997 architect-designed English w/authen-
tic charm & modern conveniences. 3BR/
3BA, bay views, fam rm w/fireplace, large
gardens & 2-car garage. Dick Cohen x1308

CLAREMONT PINES \$1,200,000
6101 ACACIA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Classic Monterey Colonial. 4+BR/3.5BA.
Master suite. Formal dining & living rms,
family rm level-out to private patio & gar-
den. 2-car attached garage. Roselle Woods x1324

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,150,000
6182 CONTRA COSTA RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Stylish 1998 4BR/3.5BA home.
Elegant master suite, kitchen/family room,
level yard & SF/GG views. Great location.
Dee Knowland x1318

CLAREMONT HILLS \$995,000
1102 GRANDVIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Stylish 3BR/2BA. Exquisite, architect designed
home of exceptional quality. Gourmet kit/
fam rm to deck. Extra large lot. Ashley
O'Neill x1368

HILLCREST ESTATES \$950,000
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Incredibly beautiful 1.47 acre parcel in the
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rms, pool & more. "As-is." Ann Nichols x1319



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6246 ASPINWALL RD. (Open 2-4:30)
3080 BUENA VISTA WAY (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Exquisite shingled "Cambridge
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3BA. Full size office. 2-car garage & 2
fireplaces. Kathleen Callahan x1343



ROCKRIDGE \$659,000
5350 LAWN AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Beautiful craftsman bungal-
ow. 4BR/2BA. Near BART & shops, formal
dining room, hardwood floors, lots of built-
ins. Garden. Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345

ROCKRIDGE \$650,000
6224 MANOA ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Best location. Adorable 3BR/
1BA not on market in 50 years. Very near
College Avenue. Charming! Patricia Scott
Winslow x1315

OAKLAND \$649,000
2950 HEDGE CT. (Open 2-4:30)
High style drama contemporary. Fabulous
outdoor spaces, decks, patios, level lawn &
gardens. SF & Bay views. 3BR/2.5BA. Teri
Carlisle x1305

MONTCLAIR \$625,000
5851 BALBOA DR. (Open 2-4:30)
2+BR/2BA. 2000+sf. Soaring ceilings, sky-
lights, raised hearth brick fireplace, Dutch
doors, recessed lighting & more! Patio &
yard w/spa. A jewel! Ann Nichols x1319

ROCKRIDGE \$625,000
5645 BROADWAY (Open 2-4:30)
Sunny 3BR/1+BA craftsman gem! Gorgeous
oversized living rm/formal dining w/
original woodwork & built-ins. Eat-in kitchen,
garage. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

Open Sunday

BERKELEY \$619,000
2640 BENVENUE AVE. (Open 2-4)
New Listing! Wonderful updated traditional
near College Ave. 4BR/2.5BA, spacious rms,
beautiful details. Fam rm, private deck &
garden. 2-car garage. Leslie Avant x1341

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$595,000
128 MANDALAY RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Large 4BR/4BA home in great
neighborhood. Big master suite, spacious
eat-in kit, attached garage. Near Village
Market & schools. Leslie Easterday x1363

GRANDLAKE \$595,000
538 CROFTON AVE. (Open 2-4)
Sun drenched 3+BR/2BA traditional. Rich
architectural details. Formal dining, hard-
wood flrs, level yard. Joanna Hirsch x1366



ROCKRIDGE \$579,000
5270 LOCKSLEY AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Classic bungalow. Sophisti-
cated but whimsical flair. Convenient
location minutes of College Ave, Market
Hall & BART. 2BR/2BA. Teri Carlisle x1305

GLENVIEW \$569,000
1132 HOLLYWOOD AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Storybook English, 3BR/2BA including
1BR/1BA in-law. Hardwood floors, wood
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Great location. Carla Bullington x1367

PIEDMONT \$569,000
1070 ANNERLEY RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Neat as a pin & in beautiful
condition. 3BR/1BA, spacious, level back
garden. Kitchen/breakfast rm to large deck.
Near schools. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

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PT. RICHMOND \$550,000
336 WASHINGTON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Fabulous 3+BR/2.5BA home!
Fireplaces in living room & master suite.
Very special retreat! Leslie Gordon x1327

PIEDMONT AVE. \$549,000
99 MONTELT ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Beautiful 3+BR/2BA bungal-
ow w/updated kit w/breakfast rm, large
living rm w/fireplace & formal dining area.
Master w/French drs to yard. Kathy Flynn x1317

BERKELEY \$530,000
1857 SAN PEDRO AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! 1000 Oaks charmer. 2BR/1BA
craftsman bungalow, updated kit w/adjoin-
ing breakfast rm, laundry rm & garage. Near
Solano Ave shops, transp. Joanna Gould x1346

BERKELEY \$499,000
1281 CAMPUS DR. (Open 2-4:30)
2BR/1BA. Sophisticated hideaway thor-
oughly renovated by architect owner. Gour-
met kit. Large deck. Tranquil. SF bay view.
Adjacent lot for \$250,000. Nancy Norman x1373

DIMOND DISTRICT \$429,000
3936 LAGUNA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Darling bungalow with large back yard. Del-
ightful details like hardwood flrs. 2BR/1BA.
Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

OAKLAND HILLS \$419,000
56 HERITAGE (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Lovely 3BR/2.5BA Sequoyah
Heights townhouse, quiet cul-de-sac. Living
rm w/fireplace, large dining area, eat-in
kit & 2-car attached garage. Robyn Mohr x1310

TEMESCAL \$399,000
4105 EMERALD ST. (Open 2-4)
New Listing! 2BR/2BA home. Legal duplex
converted to SFR. Large living room, FDR,
eat-in kitchen, attached garage. Jeffrey
Himmel x1307

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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$399,000
3667 REDWOOD RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Beautiful 1920's home!
Distinctive architecture, original
spacious living rm & FDR, brand-
new built-ins. "As is." Diane East McClellan
x1327

OAKLAND \$399,000
500 VERNON ST. #209 (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Spacious 2BR/1BA
desirable building above 580 Bldg.
pool, sauna, gym, large party room,
time manager. Wendy Gardner x1327

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Quiet, private setting. Georgia
Harris x1327

BERKELEY \$399,000
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texture, spectacular private view
vws. Large lot. Cul-de-sac. Nancy Norman
x1373

MONTCLAIR \$399,000
New custom craftsman w/wonderful
views. FDR, family rm adjacent to
kitchen. 5BR including adjacent
office area. 3.5BA. Wendy
Gardner x1327

CLAREMONT HILLS \$399,000
Fabulous Bay view, 3+BR/2BA
beautiful master w/walk-in closet
Updated. Great level on 1.5 acre
acre site. Leslie Avant x1341

MONTCLAIR \$399,000
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large city views. Fritz Houlden
x1327

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Fitzgerald x1306

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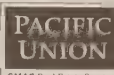
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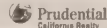


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2 BR 1 BA Sunny Traditional. HWF. FP, garage plus storage, large level
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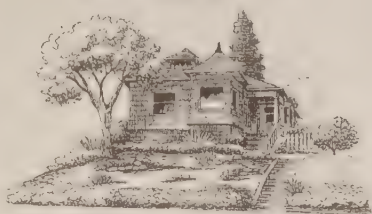
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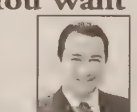
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PIEDMONT - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 P.M.



44 CREST ROAD \$2,150,000
Gracious English residence offering Old World charm. Circular staircase & vaulted ceiling add integrity. Master bedroom w/fireplace. 4+BR/3++BA. Katherine Cooper
19 MUIR AVENUE \$1,895,000
Magnificent property on lovely Muir Ave. Gracious grounds surround this wonderful home. Spacious public rooms with high ceilings. 3BR/3++BA. Elizabeth Dickson



270 SCENIC AVENUE \$1,150,000
Return to the 1906 Bohemian lifestyle of Herman Whitaker, totally renovated for today. Newly landscaped gardens & Bay views. 4BR/2.5BA. Anian Pettit Tunney
506 SCENIC AVENUE \$995,000
This beautiful Piedmont traditional features a view, 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining room, den and plus rooms. Michelle Winchester



118 WILDWOOD AVENUE \$819,000
Enjoy Piedmont hills outlooks from this Mediterranean with lovely terraced gardens. 3BR/2.5BA and three "plus" rooms. Located close to schools. Linda McClain
241 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE \$599,000
Piedmont traditional with old world charm. Level-in two bedroom with original 1920's details. Spacious and in excellent condition! Angela Wei Grubb

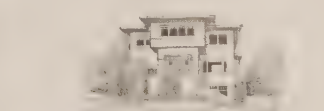
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GRAND & BEAUTIFUL \$3,600,000
One of Piedmont's most elegant & beautiful homes. A grand foyer leads to a expansive secluded patio for entertaining. All 4BR open to the balcony. Jean Simmons
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Contemporary artfully designed to capture canyon views from each of the 12 rooms. Dramatic & spacious w/10 meter indoor pool, home theater & gourmet kitchen. Judith Cain

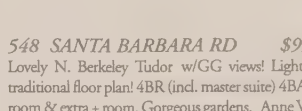
CENTRAL TRADITIONAL \$1,995,000
A very good looking home embracing gorgeous landscaped grounds & city views, grand rooms & a fabulous master suite. Anian Pettit Tunney
SEA VIEW \$1,788,000
Piedmonts best Street, Must See! Fabulous architecture, stunning kitchen, classic library, private double lot, 3BR/3.5BA. For a gracious lifestyle! Sandra Vogl

ELEGANT PIEDMONT \$1,125,000
Elegant traditional on gorgeous property. The gracious foyer leads to the beautiful living & dining room. French doors open to secluded patio & gardens. Jean Simmons
PEACEFUL PIEDMONT \$639,000
This peaceful home w/wonderful ambience also enjoys a great location & is surrounded by fruit trees & flowers. Updated kitchen w/island, 2BR/1.5BA. Mavis Delacroix

BERKELEY, ALBANY & KENSINGTON - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30



12 ALVARADO ROAD \$1,650,000
Grand Craftsman, exquisite finishes & remodeled family room/kitchen. Rate 4+BR up and 3 full baths. Enchanting professionally landscaped garden. Ruth Frassetto
7044 NORFOLK ROAD \$1,275,000
Unique & stylish 4BR/2.5BA home w/fabulous chef's kitchen, adjoining family room & South Bay views. Patios & decks, for indoor/outdoor living. Carolyn Jones
1021 MARIPOSA AVENUE \$995,000
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548 SANTA BARBARA RD \$995,000
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927 KEELER AVENUE \$750,000
Stylish & updated, light-filled & contemporary w/Bay & bridge views. 3BR/2BA, eat-in kitchen, attached garage, decks & hot tub. Lori Lombardo
51 1/2 OAKVALE AVENUE \$595,000
Decorator perfect, upper flat condo in Berkeley's Claremont! 2BR/2BA, study, sun room, formal dining, updated kitchen! Close to shops and BART! Bebe McRae
710 CARMEL AVENUE \$539,000
This charming Normandy style home has it all! Originally built in 1938 & recreated in 1998 w/a newer kitchen & baths. 3BR/2BA, formal dining room & 2 decks. Wendy Sprague



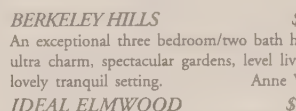
2903 NEWBURY STREET \$545,000
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538 TALBOT AVENUE \$449,000
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BERKELEY \$1,450,000
Striking, dramatic architecture. Sophisticated design. 3BR/3.5BA. Open floor plan. Great location. Faye Keogh
GRAND CRAFTSMAN \$1,295,000
Grand panoramic hill 4+BR/3BA Craftsman w/superb architectural details, a stunning 2BR/1BA atelier/unit + other inc/ space; extensive grounds & gardens. The Ratcliffes



BERKELEY TRADITIONAL \$650,000
Wonderful traditional! Beautiful move-in condition! Great yard! 3BR/2BA, formal dining, Bay views! Bebe McRae

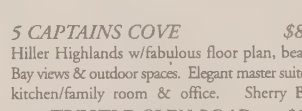


BERKELEY HILLS \$629,000
An exceptional three bedroom/two bath home with ultra charm, spectacular gardens, level living and a lovely tranquil setting. Anne Van Dyke
IDEAL ELMWOOD \$495,000
Terrific Elmwood property! 2+BR/1BA + legal in-law unit! Garden! Detached garage! Close to Star Grocery and College Ave. shops. Susie Schevill

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5983 SKYLINE BLVD. \$1,595,000
Stunning Tuscan style home by Scott Cameron. Beautiful windows highlight exciting panoramic views from most rooms. Erika Celestre
2215 BYWOOD DRIVE \$1,469,000
A landmark Tudor, beautifully built & recently restored. Over 1/4 acre. Gorgeous, updated kitchen & lovely gardens. 4BR/4BA plus den. Sandra Vogl



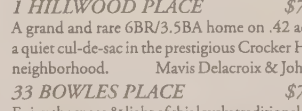
5 CAPTAINS COVE \$849,000
Hillier Highlands w/fabulous floor plan, beautiful SF Bay views & outdoor spaces. Elegant master suite, modern kitchen/family room & office. Sherry Benninger
901 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD \$839,000
Elegant Crocker Highlands Normandy nestled behind English gardens & rear play area. Beautifully remodeled kitchen. 3+BR/2.5BA. Hardwood floors. Carin Caroe
5353 GOLDEN GATE AVE. \$789,000
Handsome two-story traditional. Gorgeous master suite with canyon views. Sunny and open floorplan. John Karnay



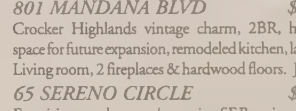
1029 HUBERT ROAD \$649,000
In the heart of Crocker Highlands, this split-level home features beautiful details, 2BR/1.5BA, formal dining room w/French doors to deck & garden. Nancy Lehrkind
3920 RANDOLPH AVENUE \$579,000
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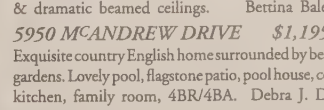
258 CROSS ROAD \$1,195,000
This lovely home boasts fine Craftsman details from the custom lighting to the red oak inlaid hardwood floors & dramatic beamed ceilings. Bertina Balestrieri



1 HILLWOOD PLACE \$789,000
A grand and rare 6BR/3.5BA home on .42 acre lot on a quiet cul-de-sac in the prestigious Crocker Highlands neighborhood. Mavis Delacroix & John Karnay
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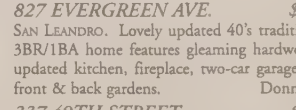
801 MANDANA BLVD \$559,000
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65 SERENO CIRCLE \$459,000
Exquisite townhome w/sweeping SF Bay view, beautifully remodeled kitchen, dramatic living room, loft office & beautiful master suite. 2+BR/2BA. Sherry Benninger



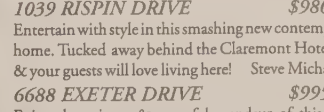
5950 MCANDREW DRIVE \$1,195,000
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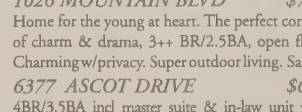
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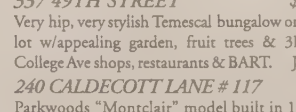
337 49TH STREET \$379,000
Very hip, very stylish Temescal bungalow on large level lot w/appealing garden, fruit trees & 3BR. Near College Ave shops, restaurants & BART. Judith Cain
240 CALDECOTT LANE # 117 \$359,000
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6688 EXETER DRIVE \$995,000
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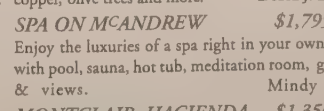
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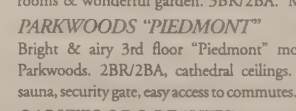
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PARKWOODS BEAUTY! \$285,000
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2600 Bayview Dr	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$84,000
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Harbor Bay Realty	George Williams	510-822-7173	
1510 Encinal Ave	280	2-4	\$63,000
Open Sunday, Main Island			
Kane & Associates	Gloria Anthony	510-866-7171	
969 Pearl St	4 Bd/3 BA	2-4:30	\$62,000
C21 Heritage R.E.	Deborah Roney	510-339-9900	
1730 San Antonio	3 + 80/2BA	2-4	\$61,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Nancy Gordon	510-814-4815	
77 Baseline Ave	380	2-4	\$60,000
Open Sunday, BFI			
Kane & Associates	Beverly Fuchsi	510-822-4533	
3230 Thompson Ave	2 + 80/1BA	2-4	\$59,000
Open Saturday & Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Marcia Macgregor	510-814-4827	
1354 Hansen Ave	380	2-4	\$59,000
Open Sunday			
Bayview Real Estate	Dianna Wyman	510-822-5827	
2616 Fairview Ave	480/1.5BA	2-4	\$59,000
Open Sunday			
Gallagher & Lindsey	Bill Dissert	510-748-1108	
330 Tideway Dr	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$67,000
Open Saturday & Sunday			
Gallagher & Lindsey	Ruth Masonek	510-748-1101	
545 Santa Clara	Duplex	2-4	\$58,000
Open Sunday, Main Island			
Kane & Associates	Jerry Kussbaum	510-822-9668; Tina Boone	
510-804-2873			
1700 Alameda Ave	480/2BA	2-4	\$57,500
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	George Williams	510-822-7173	
209 Brighton	380/2BA	2-4	\$55,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Mark Playsted	510-814-4874	
1815 Encinal Ave	380/1.5BA	2-4	\$54,000
Open Saturday & Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty, Ramon Dominguez	510-814-4887; Jane Fricke		
510-814-4810			
1202 Ballena Blvd	380/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$53,000
Pacific Capital Investments	Sherry Long	(510) 832-7778	
175 Or Road	380	2-4	\$53,000
Open Saturday & Sunday, Harbor Bay			
Kane & Associates	Ulrich 510-273-9444; David Gendeman		
510-844-2024			
101 Oak St	380/2BA	2-4	\$53,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Marilyn Pomeroy	510-814-4845	
1126 Rosewood Way	2 + 80	2-4	\$52,000
Open Sunday, Main Island			
Kane & Associates	Kristina Nowak	510-814-1676	
849 Cedar St	380	2-4	\$52,000
Open Saturday & Sunday, Main Island			
Kane & Associates	Betty Sewell	510-822-1175	
1545 Eastshore Dr	280/1.5BA	2-4	\$51,000
Open Saturday & Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Elaine Millin	510-865-7747	
1017 Sherman St	280/1BA	2-4	\$51,000
Open Saturday & Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Bill Douglas	510-814-4839	
1212 Broadway	380/1BA	2-4	\$47,000
Open Saturday & Sunday			
Gallagher & Lindsey	Ron Bang	510-748-1110	
105 Roxbury Ln	2 + 80/2BA	2-4	\$48,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Marilyn Pomeroy	510-814-4845	
2925 Farnside Blvd	2 + 80/1.5	2-4	\$47,500
Open Saturday & Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty, Sid Boring	510-814-4816; Fred Chelmsen		
510-814-4811			
603 Centre Court	280	2-4	\$45,700
Open Sunday, Harbor Bay			
Kane & Associates	Lena Saza	510-749-0780	
105 Holly Oak Ln	280/2.5BA	2-4	\$44,500
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Steve Sorenson	510-814-4888	
1227 Porta Ballena	380/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$44,500
Open Sun			
C21 Heritage R.E.	Ken Farrell	(510) 339-8900	
3008 Otis Dr	280	2-4	\$44,000
Open Sunday			
Gallagher & Lindsey	Angela McIntyre	510-748-1121	
1615 Walnut St	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$43,000
Open Sunday			
Gallagher & Lindsey	Ilotty Wan	510-748-1128	
1533 High St	280	2-4	\$43,000
Open Saturday & Sunday, Main Island			
Kane & Associates	John Bergman	510-814-5485; Elizabeth Kane	
510-822-2660			
1526 Minutem Court	380/3BA	2-4	\$42,000
Open Sunday			
Bayview Real Estate	Mark Wyman	510-822-5827	
1727 Pacific Ave	2 + 80/1BA	2-4	\$42,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Ginger Schuler	510-814-4872	
1731 Pacific Ave	380/1.5BA	2-4	\$42,000
Open Sunday			
Gallagher & Lindsey	Ruth Masonek	510-748-1101	
1277 Farnside Blvd	280/1BA	2-4	\$42,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Denise Garvine	510-814-4871	
3152 Pij Lane	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$42,000
Open Saturday & Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty, Nancy Erano-Bianchi	510-740-1860		
1109 Diamond Ln	380/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$40,000
Open Sunday			
Links-Link Real Estate			
510-748-5300			
3122 El Portal	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$39,500
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Tom Young	510-822-1144	
3213 Fir Ave	380/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$39,000
Open Sunday, Harbor Bay			
Bickley Real Estate	John Bickley	510-720-1608	
1500 Lincoln Ave	1 + 80/1BA	2-4	\$31,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Jeff Goodman	510-814-4885	
1305 Webster St C-111	280/1BA	2-4	\$27,500
Open Sunday			
Alameda Realty	Bette Barr	(510) 303-2525	
1327 Webster St #210	280/1BA	2-4	\$27,000
Open Sunday			
Gallagher & Lindsey	Virginia Ambrosini	510-823-9564	
110 Cypress St	1 + 80/1.5	2-4	\$29,000
Open Saturday & Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Cluck Bianchi	510-814-4847	

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
222 Cypress St	1 + 80/1BA	2-4	\$29,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Jeff Goodman	510-814-4885	
1308 Santa Clara Ave	480/3BA	Sun 2-4	\$ —
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Joe Tang, Marvin Gardens	510-559-2918	
ALAMO			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
70 Oak Glen	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$1,500,000
Wells & Bennett	Debra Taboroff	(925) 942-1187	
ALBANY			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1506 Posen Ave	280/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$625,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	280/2BA	510-280-2117	
1428 Portland	280/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$610,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	510-624-8888		
710 Carmel Ave	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$53,000
The Grubb Co	Wendy Sprague	(510) 852-2133	
616 Santa Fe Ave	2 + 71.5	Sun 2-4	\$47,000
REB OAK	510-280-2146		
913 Key Route Blvd	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$49,000
REB OAK	510-280-2120		
651 Spokane Ave	2 + 80/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$44,000
Open Sunday			
Harbor Bay Realty	Barbara Kaplan, Marvin Gardens	510-559-2910	
538 Talbot Ave	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$44,000
The Grubb Co	Anne Feste	(510) 339-0400	
ANTIOCH			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
4937 Stirrup Way	380/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$34,950
C21 Diablo Valley Realty	Teresa Ruiz	(707) 942-5138	
BERKELEY			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
12 Alvarado Rd	4 + 80/3BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,650,000
The Grubb Co	Ruth Frassatto	(510) 852-2133	
7049 Norford Rd	480/2.5BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,275,000
The Grubb Co	Carolyn Jones	(510) 852-2133	
139 Forest Lane	280/2BA	2-4:30	\$1,050,000
Open Sunday			
C21 Heritage R.E.	Miriam	510-652-0618	
1021 Mariposa Ave	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$995,000
The Grubb Co	Tricia Swift	(510) 852-2133	
548 Santa Barbara Rd	480/4BA	2-4:30	\$995,000
The Grubb Co	Anne Van Dyke	(510) 852-2133	
811 Mendocino Ave	480/2.5	Sun 2-5	\$975,000
Antika Park, Marvin Gardens	510-527-2700		
1012 W. Woodside	4 + 2	Sun 2-4:30	\$885,000
Colia Concor, Milstein & Associates	510-822-0211		
66 Hillcrest	480/2BA	Sun 2-5	\$850,000
Colter Ford, Prudential	510-845-0211		
902 Indian Rock	480/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$848,000
REB OAK	510-280-2110		
1440 Walnut #8	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$799,000
Owner's Agent	(510) 549-9181		
3000 Buena Vista Way	380/2BA	Sun 2-5	\$795,000
Pacific Union	Bill Eick	(510) 339-6460	
1138 Drury Rd	480/4BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,899,000
Open Sunday			
Wells & Bennett	Tracy Butler	(510) 331-7000	
1027 Shattuck	3 + 1/2	2-4	\$685,000
Arne Bazer, Berkeley Hills Realty	510-524-8888		
2633 Marin Ave	2 + 72BA	Sun 2-4	\$649,000
Barbara Kaplan, Marvin Gardens	510-559-2910		
1205 Oxford	2 + 72BA	Sun 2-4	\$625,000
Kathryn Stein Thermal Properties	510-848-1950		
2600 Benvenuto Ave	480/2.5BA	Sun 2-4	\$610,000
Pacific Union	Leslie Arant	(510) 339-1341	
1511 Campus Dr	380/2BA	Sun 2-5	\$596,000
Korman & Mc, Daily Padino	510-4600		
5112 Oakdale Ave	2 + 80/2BA	2-4:30	\$596,000
The Grubb Co	Bob McRae	(510) 852-2133	
2419 Spaulding Ave	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$585,000
Jorgen Aust Prudential CA Realty	510-826-5143		
2419 Spaulding Ave	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$585,000
Jorgen Aust, Prudential	510-826-5143		
2915 Old St. (c)g	32	Sun 2-5	\$549,000
REB OAK	510-280-2117		
60 Forest Lane	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$549,000
Open Sunday			
C21 Heritage R.E.	Anita	(510) 852-0619	
2903 Newbury St	2 + 80/1	Sun 2-4	\$545,000
The Grubb Co	Nicole Brown	(510) 339-0400	
1957 San Pedro Ave	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$530,000
Pacific Union	Joanna Gould	(510) 339-1346	
1281 Campus Dr	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$499,000
Pacific Union	Nancy Norman	(510) 339-1373	
767 Keeler Ave	280/1BA	1:30-5	\$489,000
Antia Wilson, Marvin Gardens	510-292-3555		
1609 California St	280/2.5	Sun 2-5	\$475,000
Korman & Mc, Daily Padino	510-525-6600		
1227 Ordway	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$469,000
Jane Allen, Berkeley Hills Realty	510-524-8888		
861 Station Place	2 + 72BA	2-4:30	\$450,000
Barbara Kaplan, Berkeley Hills Realty	510-524-8888		
2218 Woolsey St	2 + 72BA	Sun 2-5	\$450,000
Kathleen Conrad Prudential	510-845-0200		
1402 Dwight Way	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$446,000
Canico Economics	510-845-0200		
1110 Monterey	280/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$425,000
John Brunzoni, Berkeley Hills Realty	510-524-8888		
1409 Greenwood Ter	180/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$419,000
Colson Larkin Thermal Properties	510-940-1950		
1229 Carleton St	280/2BA	Sun 2-4:30	\$399,000
Danford Rother, Marvin Gardens	510-527-7000		
2400 Boner	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$399,000
Open Sunday			
C21 Heritage R.E.	Sam Scholier	(510) 339-9000	
1435 Russell	380/1BA	Sun 2-5	\$385,000
REB OAK	510-280-2165		
1633-35 Derby St	280/1BA	Sun 2-4:30	\$386,000
Andrew Samman Prudential	510-845-0200		
510-273-9120			
2307 Stuart St	2 + 72BA	Sun 2-4	\$279,000
REB OAK	510-280-2107		
1425 Neilson St	180/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$248,000
Kathryn Hill Thermal Properties	510-940-1950		
2733 Sacramento St	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$248,000
REB OAK	510-823-8218		
1200 Crockett Ave.	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$ —
North Berkeley, Open Sunday			
C21 Heritage R.E.	Jerry Moriarty	825-314-1518	
71 Robie Rd	480/3.5BA	Sun 1-4:30	request
Berkley Hills			
The Riser Group	Steve Kelley	(925) 689-0123	

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8622 Edgelynn Ct Doris Anderson, Marvin Gardens	—	Sun 1:30-4	\$825,000
8227 Terrace Dr Todd Hodson, Marvin Gardens	280/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$795,000
1063 Leneve Pl REB OAK 510-280-2132 Bob	280/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$748,000
1748 Ganges Open Sun/C21 Heritage R.E. Paul Alaric	580/2BA	2-4	\$540,000
900 Galston Pl Wells & Bennett	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$515,000
515 Colusa Ave Herman Sun, Marvin Gardens	280/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$455,000
2337 Monro Ave See Helen, Marvin Gardens	280/1BA 2BA	510-527-7000 X25	\$399,000
5700 Jordan Ave Carla Della Zoppa, Security Pacific	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$373,000
1515 Liberty St Jalma Laika, Security Pacific	—	Sun 2-4	\$375,000
2030 Junction Ave Juliana Wytberg, Marvin Gardens	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$369,000
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4053 Harlan #212 Connie Payne Prudential	—	Sun 2-4	\$439,000
4053 Harlan #212 REB OAK 510-280-2132 Keith	1100/1ba/Sun	1:30-4:00	\$359,000
1 Captain Dr D261 REB OAK 510-280-2145 Virginia	280/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$320,000
99 Emery Bay Dr Wells & Bennett	280/1-BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$295,000
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30174 Bridgeview Way Mark Mula, Prudential	480/2BA	Sun 2-5	\$855,000
2445 Edgelynn Open Sunday Estate & Associates John McKeally	380	2-4	\$448,000
1191 Inglewood St Assist-2-Ball	480/2BA	Sun 1-4 (810) 530-6330	\$660,000
Address & Realty <th>Size</th> <th>Hours</th> <th>Price</th>	Size	Hours	Price
96 Ardmore Chris Krick Prudential	4 - 2ba	Sun 2-4	\$800,000
399 Coventry Rd Kathryn Hill Thermal Properties	380/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$580,000
50 Avon Rd Todd Hodson, Marvin Gardens	280/—	Sun 2-4	\$565,000
240 Coventry Rd The Erub Co	1 - 80/2BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$439,950
Address & Realty <th>Size</th> <th>Hours</th> <th>Price</th>	Size	Hours	Price
100 Pershing Drive Helen Danhaki	5 - 4 - Sun 2-4:30	1:30-5:00	\$1,975,000
1138 Drury Rd Claremont Mills Wells & Bennett	480/4BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$1,899,000
1280 Grand View Dr Claremont Mills Wells & Bennett	4 - 7 - 3 -	2-4:30	\$1,799,000
6109 Contra Costa Road Hed Marchessault, Prudential-Montclair	4 - 7ba/Sun 2-4	1:30-5:00	\$1,750,000
635 Skyline Blvd Oakland Mills The Erub Co	4 - 7ba/Sun	2-4:30	\$1,595,000
2215 Bywood Dr Oakmont	480/4BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$1,469,000
18 Agnes St Open Ridgegate Pacific Union	380/3BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$1,360,000
7172 Westmoorland Ziggy Baranowski, Prudential-Montclair	480/7.5Ba	1-4:30	\$1,250,000
11080 Broadway Ter Montclair Open Sunday C21 Heritage R.E. Mohrman Judson	480/2.5Ba	2-4	\$1,200,000
5101 Acacia Ave Claremont Press Pacific Union	480/3-1BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$1,200,000
258 Cross Rd Upper Ridgegate The Erub Co	380/3BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$1,195,000
5950 McAndrew Dr. The Erub Co	480/4BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$1,195,000
6182 Contra Costa Rd Open Ridgegate Pacific Union	480/3-1BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$1,150,000
6154 Mazzeola Dr Coldwell Banker	480/2.5BA	2-5 1:15,000 Open Sunday	\$1,130,000
7082 Westmoorland Steve Dopfeln, College Ave	480/2.5Ba	2-4:30	\$999,000
4450 Oak Hill Rd. Open Sun C21 Heritage R.E.	—/4-1ba	12-3	\$988,000
1102 Grandview Dr Claremont Mills Pacific Union	3 - 2 - 7/2-BA	2-4:30	\$955,000
5799 Country Club Dr Bob Senda, Prudential-Montclair	480/2BA	Sun 1-4	\$995,000
6629 Etnier Montclair Coldwell Banker	4 - 80/4BA	2-4	\$995,000
6688 Etnier Dr The Erub Co	380/2-1BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$995,000
9300 Rispin Dr Oakland	480/3BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$980,000
5669 Colburn Pl Sylvia Estelzer Coldwell Banker	4 - 50/2BA	2-4	\$988,000
13483 Skyline Blvd Hicknut Estates Pacific Union	3 - 1/2 - Sun 2-4:30	\$950,000	
6388 Heather Ridge Way Montclair Better Homes	4 - 7/5	2-4:30	\$995,000
930 Paramount Rd Crocker Highlands Better Homes	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$995,000
14030 Broadway Ter C21 Pacific Investments	480/2-1BA	Sun 2-4	\$969,000
7410 Skyline Blvd Montclair Coldwell Banker	480/4-1BA	2-4:30	\$989,000
6246 Aspinwall Rd Pacific Union	380/2BA/Sun	2-4:30	\$865,000
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BSAL football teams will be seeking new stars for 2002

By Scott Strain

STAFF WRITER

oo-hoo, no more Drew. No trustin' in Trestin any more. With the two top prospects of the 2001 season off to college (Piedmont cornerback Drew Olson to St. Mary's, and senior Trestin George to San Jose State), the Bay Shore Athletic League will see some real changes this season, although not in the standings.



ANTONIO NORMAN will play cornerback in what could be a strong defense for Kennedy.

PREDICTED FINISH

1. St. Mary's
2. Piedmont
3. Kennedy
4. St. Patrick
5. Albany
6. John Swett

players are vying at quarterback, an essential cog in the Bruins' veer offense. According to coach Marlon Blanton, there are question marks abound in Vallejo.

Albany

- **HEAD COACH:** Anthony Freeman, ninth year
- **2001 RECORD:** 3-7, 0-5 BSAL
- **TOP RETURNING:** QB Harold Leuders, Sr.; WR Matt Ball, Sr.; DT/OT

Matt Wilkerson, Sr.; LB/G Antonio Muscardin, Sr.; LB/G Mark Samonsky, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** NG Donny Phelps, So.; WR Daryl Joiner, Jr.; G/DE Patrice Azi, So.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** G Willie MacKenzie, FB/LB Mike Estis

■ **OUTLOOK:** Freeman envisions this team to be pretty good as the Cougars have a number of players who have been in the system a while. The strength is in the offensive and defensive lines along with the linebackers. Albany has some size with Wilkerson and Muscardin both about 6-foot-2, 210 pounds. Leuders has some experience at quarterback and he has a quick, experienced receiver in Ball.

John Swett

■ **HEAD COACH:** John Angell, third year

■ **2001 RECORD:** 2-8, 1-4

■ **TOP RETURNING:** DT/OT Rick Patterson, Sr.; QB/SS Cole Adams, Sr.; NG/G Ricky Flores, Jr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** DB/RB Jimmy Porter, So.; FB Nate Boast-wright So.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** RB/CB Steven DeLaCruz, FB/LB Terrell Harbin, CB/RB Michael Santos

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Indians are coping with the loss of two of the BSAL's best players with the graduation of DeLaCruz and Harbin. "The younger guys coming in have big shoes to fill," Angell said. Porter and Boatwright will be asked to do just that. The quarterback spot is a pick 'em at this point with Adams, Tommy Jimenez and Ed Devilla all battling for the position; Adams has the most experience.

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Pinole Valley will have to ward off several challengers this year

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

Hercules High School may be the new kid on the block, but the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League may as well be a new kid on the block. In addition to the normal high school players and about of Hercules in the area, two veteran coaches returned, giving the league a different look this season.

PREDICTED FINISH

1. Berkeley
2. Pinole Valley
3. De Anza
4. El Cerrito
5. Encinal
6. Hercules
7. Alameda
8. Richmond

Rory Moore, Sr.; OL Matt Sherman, Sr.; OL/LB Scott Padway, Sr.; DE Josh Ve'e, Sr.; WR Jason Zellick, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** RB Jose Alvarez, So.; D Kevin Nious, Jr.; DB/FB Jerry Barnes, Sr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** T Chris Ve'e, C Danny Carrasco, RB Jay Castro, WR/DB Brian Brooks

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Hornets have two good running backs in Tavis Ve'e and Alvarez in addition to experience from Zellick, Mark Gillman and quarterback Tom Gay. They also are aided by their schedule, which includes six home games. But the Hornets allowed 185 points in league last year and will need a better performance from their defense in order to be more competitive.

Berkeley

■ **HEAD COACH:** Matthew Bissell, second year

■ **2001 RECORD:** 5-4, 4-1

■ **TOP RETURNING:** WR Sean Young, Sr.; LB Owen Goldstrom, Sr.; DT Myron Seals, Sr.; RB/DB Craig Hollis, Sr.; DE/OLB Robert Hunter-Ford, Sr.; CB Justin Cain, Sr.; OL Anthony Cole, Sr.; OL Ray Cole, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** S/RB Patrick Henderson, So.; OL Julian James, So.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** RB/DB Gernsey Baird, QB Raymond Pinkston, WR Lee Franklin, OL/DL Matt Toma, OL Brian Hickman, S Leonard Scarbrough, OG Zach Cohen

■ **OUTLOOK:** Young, who has made an oral commitment to Cal, averaged

25.6 yards per catch last season. Hollis also was a big-play performer, averaging 10 yards per carry. Goldstrom and Seals, who were named first-team all-league along with Young last season, will lead the Yellow Jackets defense. Berkeley also doesn't have as brutal a nonleague schedule as it had in the past few years. "We're looking for a good season. We have high expectations," Bissell said.

De Anza

■ **HEAD COACH:** George Pye, third year

■ **2001 RECORD:** 3-5, 3-2

■ **TOP RETURNING:** DB/RB Brian Watson, Sr.; LT/NT Roderick Bolden, Sr.; LB Thomas Proctor, Jr.; WR/CB DeAndre Green, Jr.; RB/SS Paris Williams Jones, Sr.; FS/SS/RB Joseph Hale, Sr.; OLB D'Angelo Barnes, Sr.; RG Adrian Mendoza, Jr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** FS Andre Cole, Jr.; QB Robert Bell, Sr.; QB Greg Parker, Jr.; QB Theodore Johnson, Jr.; DL Zachary Gerry, Sr.; DL Corey Jones, So.; FB/LB Cole James, So.; DL Kenny Kennedy, Sr.; DL Greg Orr, Jr.; DL Kevin Tisdell, So.; SS Antoine Springfield, Jr.; FB/LB John Smith, So.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** OLB George Morris, RB/DB Jonathan Alcott-Gary, RB Tyke Moore, QB Geary Davenport

■ **OUTLOOK:** Behind the highly recruited Bolden — a 6-foot-5, 305-pounder who is being eyed by most Pac-10 schools, according to Pye — the Dons could control the line of scrimmage in many games. Watson, Jones and Hale will see their share of carries in a three-back offense that proved successful last year with 1,898 yards. De Anza will know a lot about its title hopes early in the season, as it faces Berkeley and Pinole Valley in its first two league games.

El Cerrito

■ **HEAD COACH:** George Austin, first year

■ **2001 RECORD:** 3-7, 3-3

■ **TOP RETURNING:** RB/DB John



RANDY GATEWOOD will quarterback El Cerrito's offense this season.

Norman, Sr.; QB Randy Gatewood, Jr.; WR/DB James Cannon, Jr.; TB Ryan Shafer, Jr.; RT Terrell Thomas, Sr.; LG/NG Noel Estes, Sr.; RG Kevin Stewart, Sr.; LT/LB Ornan Nwansi, Sr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** ILB/FB Mario Cox, So.; CV Cyron Norman, Jr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** DB/RB Jamont'e Cox, FB/DB Philip Vincent, OT Duncan McIntyre, TE/LB Jacob Lucas

■ **OUTLOOK:** El Cerrito should be strong on the offensive and defensive lines, led by the 6-4, 325-pound Thomas. Cannon proved he has big-play capability, as he averaged 22.8 yards per catch on 19 receptions. Gatewood and Norman both saw extensive action last year. But there are question marks defensively for El Cerrito, which returns just five starters. The Gauchos allowed 342.8 yards per game last season.

Encinal

■ **HEAD COACH:** Jack Schram, 13th year

■ **2001 RECORD:** 4-5, 3-3

■ **TOP RETURNING:** OT/DL Nick Schlachter, Jr.; TE/DE Danny Dozier, Sr.; RB/LB Parris Jackson, Sr.; RB/DB Chris Posadas, Sr.; DB David Griffin, Jr.; RB/FS David Griffin, Jr.

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** QB Drew Dozier, Jr.; QB/WR/OLB/SS Yusuf Shojae, Jr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** QB/DB Nick Loy, RB/DB DeAndre Green, OL/DL Steve Schlachter

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"Playing at (the collegiate) level is amazing. The players are so much faster, the speed of the game is so much faster, and the players are stronger. In high school and club, it just wasn't as intense."

—Dania Cabello

Cabello has all the right moves for Cal's soccer team

■ The Head-Royce grad is making a strong impression in her first season on the Cal women's soccer team

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER

Picture these soccer scenes: A ball rolls quickly toward the sideline and the player in a familiar No. 8 jersey moves swiftly to collect it. The ball now safely at her feet, the player does a lot more. She makes a move past her defender and sends a dangerous cross into the penalty area, forcing the opposing goalie to come off her line. In another sequence, that same No. 8 holds the ball, then at the precise moment, finds an opening to set up a teammate with a pinpoint pass as defenders scramble to recover.

These plays are typical for that No. 8 player, Cal freshman Dania Cabello, who graduated from Head-Royce High School in the spring.

Cal's Web site for women's soccer describes Cabello — a 19-year-old undeclared major from Piedmont — as "skilled on the ball," and praises her ability to "shoot equally well with both feet."

Indeed, it's true. A talented and creative player, both quick and deft of foot, Cabello easily could play in the midfield for many teams. Cal coach Kevin Boyd, though, has put Cabello in the starting lineup as a forward.

Through the first three matches, all was going well.

"The thing that she's done so well is that she's creative and crafty," Boyd said. "We put her at forward where she adds an element of unpredictability."

Geographically, the campuses of Head-Royce and Cal are less than 10 miles apart. In terms of soccer, however, the two might as well be on separate planets. But Cabello, who wears the same number she did at Head-Royce, has adjusted quickly.

"I absolutely love playing here," Cabello said. "I didn't expect that I would be starting in the first two games. But the girls have been very supportive."

Cabello already has impressed in her young collegiate career. In only her second match on Sept. 1, she scored a goal and added an assist in a 2-0 win over Purdue.

Ever the playmaker and con-



DANIA CABELLO has made an impact for the Cal women's soccer team.

summate team player, Cabello was happiest setting up a score for another player — in this case, fellow true freshman Tracy Hamm from Campolindo High School in Moraga.

"I liked my assist better than my goal," Cabello said. "I was at the top of the box and I sent the ball right to the foot (of Hamm). My goal was scored one-on-one with the goalie."

College soccer has many critics. But Cabello, like many players, has found it a huge step up from club and high school soccer.

"Playing at (the collegiate) level is amazing," Cabello said. "The players are so much faster, the speed of the game is so much faster, and the players are stronger. In high school and club, it just wasn't as intense."

One plus for Cabello is that Boyd also was her coach with the Marin Rockers, this year's Premier League and California Youth Soccer Association-North State Cup champions.

"She played for me for two years," Boyd said. "I knew we had a special talent then. We recruited her and were fortunate that she came our way."

Most surprisingly, though, Cabello has excelled despite missing most of her senior season at Head-Royce with a broken collarbone.

"I've only been back for about two months — so these have really been my first couple of games back," she said. "But I've

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Fighting Eagles are set to kick off their season

STAFF REPORT

The Laney College Fighting Eagles will open their 2002 season Saturday night in Salinas against Hartnell College. Game time is 7 p.m.

Laney went 7-4 in 2001 and won the Merced Elks Bowl against Yuba City College last December.

The Fighting Eagles lost 10 starters on offense and seven on defense from last season, but gained 56 freshmen who reported to camp in August. Coach Stan Peters and the coaching staff recruited 32 players from the Hayward, Fremont and Tri-Valley areas.

Six freshmen made all-league teams in various publications as high school seniors last season. They include linebackers Matt Swan (Monte Vista), John Nelson (James Logan), Gary LaRussa (Foothill) and Joel Brown (San Leandro). Also included in the all-star group are offensive lineman Jon Grissom (Newark Memorial) and running back Patrick Vargas (James Logan).

Slated to start at quarterback for Laney is freshman Derek Murray, who backed up Marc

Guillon at Miramonte last year. Murray completed 22 of 35 passes for 404 yards in limited playing time. He threw two touchdown passes and had two interceptions.


Sophomore Corey Harper (Oakland Tech) will start at tailback. Fullback candidates are Rodney Roy (James Logan), Roger Moppin (Washington) and LaMarcus Russell (American).

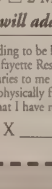
Laney's home opener will be on Friday, Sept. 20 against Solano College. Game time is 7 p.m.

The Eagles will be playing on a new field this season, having installed FieldTurf over the summer.

Renovations to the rest of the stadium will begin after the season.

Nine players from Alameda are listed on the Laney roster. That includes Alameda High graduates Dontray Simpson at wide receiver, linebacker Daniel Carrasco, offensive lineman Charris Ve'e, wide receiver Drew Kocal and offensive lineman Sam Han and former Encinal linebackers Ikaika Thomas and Alvin Leota, and offensive lineman Trianio Blue.


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Media Notes

Sopranos' final season will begin Sunday

THE LONG delay for all you "Sopranos" fans who have waited for 15 years is almost over: This Sunday at 9 will be the return of the fourth (and probably the last) season of what is arguably the most American entertainment television series ever.

The return of Tony and his crew is the biggest TV event this month, something like the return of *Baywatch* (or four, depending on your point of view) broadcast networks are all too aware of and none too happy about.

Cable — notably HBO — has stolen the networks' thunder with its Italian lightning in *The Sopranos*, which has traditionally been the network's big month as CBS, Fox, NBC, WB and others are rolling out their new series.

But all the buzz is about *The Sopranos*. Not to mention the other big word-of-mouth shows that return on Sunday, that net's sexiest series (for males, anyway), *The Sopranos*, and also what is almost universally television's best comedy, *Seinfeld*, co-creator Larry David's "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

Remember well the day the first-run "Sopranos" episode aired, in May of last year. I was the first to miss the third-season premiere, so I hustled out of my high-school graduation in the Four Corners area of western Colorado just after the cap-and-gowning. I rushed back to my HBO-splashed hotel room with my TV, normally a non-TV place but a "Sopranos" fan. I missed it just in time. It's a long wait.

I've seen Sunday's first new episodes and the next three episodes. Without giving any important details away, I can tell that the stench of death hangs over the critically acclaimed series this year. The show is busy. Closure is coming for a lot of these unsavory characters — in more than a few cases, the closing of coffin lids.

The series' fourth year is almost certainly "The Sopranos' most dramatic." Creator David Chase, who deserves a lot of credit for this gutsy call, has said clearly he wants to end the show.

Chase is wise to go out a winner before the show begins to unravel creatively. There's an old adage in the television business — one I subscribe to — that even the best shows must go downhill after four years and there are very few exceptions to this. It's happened with virtually every long-running series, including "Seinfeld" and "Frasier."

And having seen four episodes, even this hard-core "Sopranos" fan has to admit that the show is beginning to look a little better around the edges for a while. Still, this Jersey-set series is better-written than anything else on TV.

There's one upcoming episode, for example, about a famous Day protest by Native Americans in Newark who are opposed by Tony's crew.

Looked by Tony's crew, it's a forum for Chase (who's said he wants to answer his critics who have charged that the series stereotypes Italian-Americans). Chase's response is to do, as one would expect, what it takes up a lion's share of the episode. A rare glimpse at Chase's part.

What about Sunday's episode? Why is Paulie Walnuts so angry? Why is he wearing a prison jumpsuit? You'll find out Sunday. Though the show is usually written, it's the formidable writing of its two leads, Edie Falco and James Gandolfini, who play Tony and Carmela.



LATEST BUZZ: Cedric the Entertainer, center, and Ice Cube, far right, star in "Barbershop."

Earnest 'Barbershop' makes the cut

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

The boisterous, heartfelt comedy "Barbershop" has a beguiling structure: Spend a day in a family-owned Chicago barbershop and see what kind of impact the place has on the denizens of an inner-city neighborhood.

The barbershop is owned by Calvin Palmer (rapper Ice Cube), whose grandfather first opened the shop in 1958. Most days, Calvin would rather be anywhere but at the shop. He's got bigger aspirations, including opening a recording studio and becoming so ragingly successful, he can buy his pregnant wife a home as nice as Oprah's guesthouse.

The film follows Calvin over the course of a day as he decides to sell the financially troubled shop to local loan shark Lester Wallace (Keith David, who lacks a dorsal fin but is otherwise the human personification of a shark). A number of factors cause Calvin to quickly reconsider his decision, including Lester's oily pronouncement that he intends to turn the shop into a "gentleman's club."

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Barbershop"

■ **STARRING:** Ice Cube, Anthony Anderson, Cedric the Entertainer, Sean Patrick Thomas, Eve, Troy Garity, Michael Ealy, Keith David

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (language, sexual content and brief drug references)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 42 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** B-

But what really rocks him is the realization that he'll be pulling the plug on not only his own lifestyle, but on something that his staff and customers both love and rely on. Calvin's Barbershop may not seem like hallowed ground to Calvin, but it is to everyone else around. Like the cigar shop in "Smoke," Calvin's is an institution. It's the focal point of the street, the place where people gather to gossip and talk, the lone piece of stability and dignity in a dicey neighborhood.

On his employee list alone, there are a half-dozen people with nowhere else to go, including the pontificating old-timer Eddie (Cedric the Entertainer, of "The Original Kings of Comedy" fame); two-time felon Ricky (Michael Ealy), who needs this job to go straight; snooty college student Jimmy (Sean Patrick Thomas); the tough-talking girl barber, Terri (rap star Eve); and Dinka (Leonard Earl Howze), the Nigerian immigrant who sweeps over and longs for Terri from afar. There's even one white guy, Isaac (Troy Garity, son of Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden), who affects ghetto style and is still waiting for a black customer to take a chance on a white barber.

It's as if Sam Malone suddenly decided to shut down Cheers, tossing Norm, Carla and Cliff out onto the street. For the actors, filmmakers and independent director Tim Story, working on a studio venture for the first time, their biggest challenge is to convince us, in under two hours, that this barbershop really is that socially and culturally relevant. They ultimately succeed, despite some considerable

missteps, including some shrill performances and overly broad comedy.

The film gets a boost from the production designers, who have done a nifty job bringing the barbershop to life, inspired by a real shop on Chicago's Northside and one in Harlem. There's a 1970s-style mural on one wall, featuring Calvin's smiling father, and him as a young boy. On an other wall, a hand-lettered sign issues the edict: "No rap music before 10 a.m." The chairs are straight out of the 1950s, the locker room in the back looks knocked together by someone with no more architectural skill than Calvin himself. The barbershop functions almost as a stage set, and is shot in inviting amber hues by director of photographer Tom Priestley.

The cutters themselves are a pretty cute batch. Ice Cube ("Boyz n the Hood," the "Friday" movies and "Three Kings") projects a steady and compelling warmth. He makes us understand Calvin's discomfort with feeling trapped in tradition; then,

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Aurora Theatre is in tip-top 'Shape'



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

AURORA THEATRE COMPANY opens its 11th season at 8 p.m. tonight with the first of four previews, through next Wednesday, of Neil LaBute's "The Shape of Things," recently nominated for the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play.

Tom Ross, Aurora's producing director, is directing this controversial drama that has its official opening Sept. 19. Thereafter it will play at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 20. There will be no 7 p.m. show on Sept. 15.

Evelyn, played by Stephanie Gultarte, is an art student seized with an idea she can "improve" a museum sculpture by using only her imagination and a can of spray paint. Adam (Craig Marker), an insecure literature major moonlighting as a museum guard, is secure enough in his job, however, to know that's not such a great idea and does his duty to stop it.

Of course, that would end the play if that was all there is to it. But Adam is taken with Evelyn's charm — if not her arty intentions about the statue — and a relationship develops. In the process, Adam undergoes a series of minor "improvements" of his own, only to find at the end of the line a harsh lesson about "the shape of things."

Arwen Anderson as Jenny



CRAIG MARKER and Stephanie Gultarte play Adam and Evelyn in Aurora Theatre's "Shape of Things."

and Danny Wolohan as Philip complete the cast.

The Aurora Theatre is at 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. Preview tickets are \$28. Opening night is \$38. Regular performances Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays are \$32. Fridays and Saturdays are \$34. Senior and student tickets available. Call 510-843-4822, or visit the Web site at www.auroratheatre.org.

IRISH 'DEEP SPACE': One week from tonight — Friday, Sept. 20 — Transparent Theatre, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, opens its 2002-2003 season with "Deep Space," a tight, bright new play by Alex Johnston, one of Ireland's rising young playwrights.

Two roommates, Jaco (Jason Frazier), and Keith (Drew

Khalout), share an apartment in Dublin. Jaco is an electrician who spends most of his nights at the local pub. Keith is an art history graduate, an intellectual, now living on the dole. They have almost nothing in common except their interest in an elusive woman named Fionnuala.

What starts as an unstated rivalry between the two very different men develops into a stark and shocking illustration of the lengths to which people will go to get that they desire.

Bay Area actor and director Ryan Montgomery is directing.

Montgomery played Jimmy in the Transparent Theatre's production last season of "Brave Brood." In other venues, in a dazzling stretch, he also played Macbeth in "Mac B," a hip hop

exploration of Shakespeare's "Scottish play," and Kulgyn in Robert Parsons' production of "The Three Sisters."

Several of Johnston's plays have been produced in Ireland and the United Kingdom, and including "Royal Supreme," commissioned for the Abby Theatre in Dublin and premiered at the Theatre Royal Plymouth in 2001. "At Swim Two Birds" premiered at the Abby Theatre and was revived in 1998. "Melonfarmer" premiered at the Abby in 1997 and won the Stewart Parker Award in 1998. "Deep Space" premiered at the Abby Theatre in 1998.

"Deep Space" plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays. Fridays and

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THEATER

AURORA THEATRE — "The Shape of Things," Sept. 13 through Oct. 20. A Pygmalion-like play bringing into question how far one should go for love.

\$26 to \$35. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.org

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE —

"The House of Blue Leaves," through Oct. 27. John Guare's award-winning dark comedy is a tale of how far people will go to find fame.

\$10 to \$54. \$16 persons under age 30. Sept. 13, Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Sept. 26 and Sept. 27, 8 p.m.; Sept. 18 and Sept. 25, 7 p.m.; Sept. 15, Sept. 22 and Sept. 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sept. 14, Sept. 19, Sept. 21 and Sept. 28, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Rota Theatre, 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, (888) 4BRTix or www.berkeleyrep.org

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE —

"Brilliant Traces," by Cindy Lou Johnson, closing Sept. 15. Addresses the issues of love and family.

\$9. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. 951 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. 510-524-9132

IMPACT THEATRE — "Henry IV: The Impact Remix" directed by Melissa Hillman, closing Sept. 21. King Henry IV lies, cheats and steals his way to the throne, and Prince Hal responds by running off to the tavern and the friendship of Falstaff, a drunkard, in this "action film Shakespeare."

\$15 general; \$10 seniors and students Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 925-798-1300 or www.impacttheatre.com

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE — "An Inspector Calls" by J.B. Priestley,

through Sept. 28. The psychological thriller about Inspector Goole, who calls unexpectedly upon the prosperous Birling family. His startling revelations shatter the foundations of their lives and challenge the viewer to examine his conscience.

\$12. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 105 Park Place, Richmond. 510-232-4031 or www.masquers.org

SHOTGUN PLAYERS — "We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay!" Sept. 14 through

Oct. 19. A comic farce about a group of women who refuse to pay for groceries, this story addresses issues of the working poor, desperation, crooked cops, hunger and pregnancy.

\$12 to \$18: \$10 Thursdays; \$25 opening night. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. (510) 704-8210 or www.shotgunplayers.org

SHOTGUN THEATRE LAB — "That

Ugly Month in September: Two Odd Plays on Two Odd Days," through Sept. 24. Two new plays by Dana Vinger.

\$10. Monday and Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Sept. 23 and Sept. 24, 10 p.m. La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 510-704-8210

TRANSPARENT THEATRE — "Deep

Space," by Alex Johnston, Sept. 20 through Oct. 20. Two Irish men have wildly different ideas about how to act toward women in general but share a growing obsession over the same one.

\$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Pay-What-You-Can Sundays, 7 p.m. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-883-0305 or www.transparenttheatre.org

WISHBONE ENTERTAINMENT —

"Beatbox: A Rapatta," closing Sept. 18. A hip-hop theatrical production written entirely in verse, rhythm, and beats. Performances by Felonious: One Love Hip-Hop and DJ Raw B. \$7 to \$10. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. The Black Box Theatre, 1298 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-451-1932

WOODMINSTER AMPHITHEATRE —

"1776," by Sherman Edwards, closing Sept. 15. A musical based on the events surrounding the creation and adoption of the Declaration of Independence, and the birth of the United States.

\$17 to \$29 general; \$15 to \$27 seniors and children ages 16 and under. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. 510-531-9597 or www.woodminster.com

POPULAR MUSIC

ASHKENAZ — Moodspring Orchestra, Sept. 13, Dance lesson 8 p.m.; show, 9:30 p.m. \$11.

Amanda Poets, Lutsings, Sept. 14, 9 p.m. \$11.

Reggae Nation, Lickshot, DJ Tony Moses, Sept. 15, 9 p.m. \$5.

Courtaube, Sept. 17, 8:30 p.m. \$8.

Red Archibald and the International Blues Band, Sept. 18, 9 p.m. \$8.

Sister Carol, Junior Jazz, Sept. 19, 9 p.m. \$15.

The Crooked Jades, The Bluegrass Intentions, Sept. 20, 9 p.m. \$12.

West African Highlife Band, Sept. 21, 9:30 p.m. \$11.

Sept. 22, 8 p.m. \$12.

All ages. Free admission for children 12 and under. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com

BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — Stung: A Police Tribute, Liquid, Sept. 13, \$7.

Pub Crawl, Lavish Green, American Rebus, Sept. 14, \$5.

Habit of Mine, Cadence, Sept. 15, \$3. The Steve Gannon Band, Mz. Dee, Sept. 16, \$4.

Kevin Beades Band, Kingstreet Crossing, Sept. 17, \$3.

Hebro, Sept. 18, \$5.

B-Side Players, Oroburos, Sept. 20, \$10.

Clockwinder, SFunk, Sept. 21, \$8.

Crater, Sept. 22, \$5.

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Pat Craig, Randy Myers and Mary F. Pols. Times: Robert W. Butler and Chris Hewitt, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; Anthony Breznican, David Germain, Christine Lemire, Tim Molloy, Sheila Norman-Culp, Malcolm Ritter and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Bruce Westbrook, Houston Chronicle; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Evan Henerson, Valerie Kulkenski, Fred Shuster, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Gary Dowell, Tom Mastrand, Chris Vogner and Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Stephen Hunter, Washington Post.

"ABOUT A BOY": A charming adaptation of Nick Hornby's wonderful comic novel of the same name. Hugh Grant is at his best, playing, as he did in "Bridget Jones's Diary," a bouncer extraordinaire, a 38-year-old commitment-phobe who does nothing but shop, play with his electronic toys and live off his songwriter father's royalties. He finds redemption, albeit grudgingly, when one of his games, a scam to date single moms (more sex, less commitment) backfires on him and he is forced into a friendship with a lonely, dorky 12-year-old named Marcus (Nicholas Hoult). Too much voice-over, and a rather contrived ending, but a nice night out at the movies. — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief strong language and some thematic elements.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B+

"ATANARJUAT": In ancient Inuit communities, there were no policemen, no FBI agents and no government officials. If trouble came to an Arctic village, the community had no choice but to cope with the "evildoers" on its own. This Canadian movie (translated to "The Fast Runner") is based on an Inuit legend about two brothers, the Fast Runner and the Strong One, who are marked for death by the forces of evil, and must grapple with the consequences to their community. Marks the first chance we've had to see a movie filmed with Inuit actors, entirely in the spectacular Arctic. But the movie is in need of a trim. — M. Pols. (NR: includes a scene of lovemaking and several of violence; nudity.) 2 hours, 52 minutes. B

"AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER": The third installment in the ongoing saga of Austin Powers, super-spy, is a heartily amusing, crude night at the movies, either more or less entertaining than either of its two predecessors. There are reams of celebrity cameos in this one, involving Very Big Stars. Try not to find out who they are beforehand, you'll have more fun that way. Michael Caine makes a fitting Daddy Austin, Mini-Me is just abused this time around, the jokes are just as crass and not always funny, but — what a blessing — Austin Powers doesn't drink Fat Bastard's poop. And at the end of round three, we have to concede that Mike Myers, unrecognizable in his latest guise as Dutch villain Goldmember, is indeed a comic genius. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual innuendo, crude humor and language.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. B

"BLOOD WORK": Terry McCaleb (Clint Eastwood) is a retired FBI pro-

flier with a heart transplant who's lured back into action to find the serial killer who murdered his donor. Wanda De Jesus plays the grieving sibling of the murder victim. McCaleb agrees to try to find the miscreant, over the strenuous objections of his doctor (Anjelica Huston). An old-fashioned low-tech guy who relies on pay phones rather than the wireless cell, McCaleb must enlist his neighbor (Jeff Daniels) to chauffeur him around Southern California haunts. The movie has witty repartee and maintains a brisk pace, but will moviegoers snicker at 72-year-old Eastwood's bedroom activity with the beautiful, much younger De Jesus? — P. Wuntch. (R: violence, language, sexuality.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B-

"BLUE CRUSH": To pare it down, this story is about Anne Marie (Kate Bosworth), a really cute Maui surfer girl with a really big hang-up and a really cute football player who can rescue her and a really big "pipeline" competition that will decide her future. The cinematography and legions of stunt-surfers take us inside, beneath, over and under the waves. Don't be shy about cooing and ah-hing at the amazing surfing shots. As for the plot, feel free to hoot in derision. — R. Moore. (PG-13: sexual content, teen partying, language and a fight.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. C-

"THE BOURNE IDENTITY": Director Doug Liman ("Swingers" "Go") revitalizes the thriller genre with this brisk adaptation of Robert Ludlum's novel about a spy with amnesia. Matt Damon makes a very fine Jason Bourne, conveying both his strengths (martial arts, ruthless planning, excellent language skills) and his weaknesses (disorienta-

tion, desperation about his future, and a soft spot for kids that no spy should ever have). "Run Lola Run" star Franka Potente plays his love interest, and the chemistry between the two of them seems genuine. The script is intelligent, the story engaging and there's never a dull moment. Hallelujah! — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence and some language.) 2 hours, 1 minute. A-

"THE BUSINESS OF FANTASYDANCING": It's a mixed blessing. Writer/director Sherman Alexie has crafted an intelligent and well-written film about a gay American Indian writer's return to the reservation after his friend kills himself. That Alexie has made such a movie, one that asks more questions than answers, is quite an achievement. Unfortunately, the lack of resources behind the film are sometimes glaring, especially the overused technique of shooting the movie on video rather than on film. These obstacles make you never forget that you're watching a film. But to the movie's credit, Evan Adams is convincing in the role of the self-centered poet whose homecoming isn't greeted with open arms. — R. Myers. (NR: language, sexuality, some violence.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. C+

"THE COUNTRY BEARS": The historic County Bear Hall, former home to the popular Country Bears band that broke up a decade ago, is on the verge of being torn down by an evil banker (Christopher Walken). Meanwhile, a furry "boy" named Bear, raised in a human household, wonders why he feels so different and sets out to find the musical icons with whom he identifies. Days before the wrecking ball is to arrive, Bear and head bear Henry get the old tour bus out of mothballs to round up other group members for a concert to save the hall. The growing group is pursued by a pair of yokel police officers (Daryl "Chill" Mitchell and Diederich Bader) who believe the musicians have kidnapped Bear. — V. Kulkenski. (G) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B

"FEARDOTCOM": This grisly little horror show is nothing if not lively and stylish. The premise is pure baloney — a mad scientist sets up a torture site that causes the users to die of their worst phobia. Oscar nominee Stephen Rea slums it as the mad doc in this wild mix of "Seven," "Blair Witch," "Videodrome" and a few "Elm Streets." Stephen Dorff and Natasha McElhone co-star. — G. Lovell. (R: extreme violence, profanity, nudity.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C

"FULL FRONTAL": A gashy, self-referential, stunningly amateur effort from Oscar-winning director Steven Soderbergh, shot mostly on digital video. A group of acquaintances stumble around L.A., awaiting the

40th birthday party of Gus (David Duchovny), producer of a piece of self-important trash called "Rendezvous," which most of the characters are either in, have written or have somehow inspired. "Full Frontal" purports to be about connections between people, but since most of the people it features are either dreary or despicable self-involved types, it would be better put to use as a promotional video for the joys of solitude. — M. Pols. (R: language and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. D

"THE GOOD GIRL": "Friends" star Jennifer Aniston doesn't crack a smile in this dark comedy about a married woman who's bored with her life in Texas and winds up having a fling with a 22-year-old clerk (played winningly by Jake Gyllenhaal). Aniston is quite good, showing she has the acting chops, but the film is less moving than its topic — the lives and loves of the working class. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, some language and drug content.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. B

"ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS": Stranger of surprises, the latest offering from Dogma 95, the Danish film movement more known for being disturbing than for being cheery, introduces the concept of love and happiness to the movement. Six lonely people take Italian lessons one winter in Copenhagen and begin, tentatively, to gravitate toward each other. Not a traditional chick flick, though; it's got its fair share of depressing elements, such as death, addiction, fetal alcohol syndrome and sexual dysfunction, buried within the froth of love and comedy. And it's inescapably a Dogma movie: murky and drab. But it's still got the heart to warm us through the chill of winter. — M. Pols. (R: language and some sexuality.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. A-

"THE KID STAYS IN THE PICTURE": "Documentary" isn't exactly the right term to describe this bubbly new film about famed Hollywood producer Robert Evans. It's more of a visual book-on-tape, spooling out Evans' rise and fall in a series of archival photos, snippets of interviews and some deliberately hokey, drool visual effects, all set to Evans' nasal, nostalgic narrative. Even if you initially could give a hoot about Evans' legendary career (he went from movie star to big-time producer, backing 1970s classics such as "The Godfather") or his cocaine-addicted crash to Earth, there's something so winning about him, and director Brett Morgen and Nanette Burstein's tricky approach to storytelling, that you end up captivated. — M. Pols. (R: language and some brief violent and sexual images.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. A-

"LILLO & STITCH": Lilo's offerings, this time here to remind us of pleasures of nature's happy/cool/very cool cartoon craziness. Emotions flash.

is a young Hawaiian connected since she and her sister, Nani (Tia Carrere), are alien scientists, but Earth, but the punch is Stitch as an ugly little creature else would want, and the friendship that blossoms teaches them about life. — T. Mastrand. (Action) 1 hour, 25 minutes.

"LOVELY & AMAZING": For Nicole Holofceter's low-key "Waiting for the Sun," bitter and filled with dialogue and telling moments, plot isn't much, just the family of modern women make their way in roles. Los Angeles Catholics shines as the desecrated Michelle, while co-star Esty and Brenda Blanton, actress sister and sister, a fine job as well. — T. Mastrand. (Action) 1 hour, 31 minutes.

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday September 13

Act 1 and 2
2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456
●The Good Girl (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
●One Hour Photo (R) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10

Albany Twin
1115 Solano Ave. Albany 510-843-3456
●The Last Kiss (R) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
●Mostly Martha (PG) 11:45, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

California Theatre
2113 Kedge St., Berkeley 510-843-3456
●Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 4:55, 7, 9:10
●City By the Sea (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
●Spider-Man/Men in Black II (PG-13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:50, 7:30, 9:20

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300
●The Human Body (Not Rated) 11:30, 2:30, 4:30, 8:30
●The Living Sea (Not Rated) 3:30, 5:30
●Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 12:30
●To Be an Astronaut (Not Rated) 10:30

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
●13 Conversations About One Thing (R) 7:05
●Enigma (R) 4:45, 9:10
●Italian for Beginners (R) 7:10
●Lovely & Amazing (R) 4:50, 7:30
●Notorious C.H.O. (Not Rated) 9:30
●Read My Lips (Not Rated) 4:40, 9:10

Fine Arts Cinema
2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-848-1143
●Band of Outsiders (Not Rated) 7:30
●No Such Thing (Not Rated) 9:20

Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre
3200 Grand Avenue Oakland 510-452-3556
●Barbershop (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30
●City By the Sea (R) 12, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
●Swims (PG-13) 12:15, 2:40, 5, 7:30, 10
●Swimfan (PG-13) 12:15, 2:15, 4, 6, 8, 10

Jack London Cinema
100 Washington Oakland 510-433-1320
●Barbershop (PG-13) 11:15, 11:55, 1:40, 2:20, 4:05, 4:45, 6:30, 7:15, 9, 9:45
●Signs (PG-13) 11:35, 2:05, 5, 7:30, 10
●XXX (PG-13) 12:50, 3:50, 7, 10:10

Renaissance Oaks Theatre
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
●Lilo & Stitch (PG) 6
●The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) 8:45
●Road to Perdition (R) 7:40, 9:45
●Simone (PG-13) 6:30

Parkway Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
●Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) 7, 9:45
●Murder, My Sweet (Not Rated) 6:30
●Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (PG) 9:15

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-843-3456
●The Good Girl (R) 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
●My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:45, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:15
●One Hour Photo (R) 12:15, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10

Shattuck Cinemas
2224 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-3456
●24 Hour Party People (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45
●The Business of Fantasydancing (Not Rated) 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
●The Chateau (R) 12:35, 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 9:50
●Crip Cities: Quest for Truth (Not Rated) 4:30, 9:15
●Am Trying to Break Your Heart (Not Rated) 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10
●Mad Love (2002) (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7, 9:35
●Monsoon Wedding (R) 1:15, 4, 6:40, 9:20
●My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 2:10, 4:25, 6:30, 8:45
●Rivers and Tides (Not Rated) 12:25, 2:30, 4:35, 6:45, 9
●Tadpole (PG-13) 2:30, 7:15
●XXX (PG-13) 1:20, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40

United Artists Berkeley
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1487
●Barbershop (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:35, 10:05
●The Bourne Identity (PG-13) 12:45, 4:45,

7:20, 10
●Minority Report (PG-13) 7:45, 10:45
●Possession (PG-13) 12:05, 2:50, 5:35, 8:10, 10:40
●Signs (PG-13) 12, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50
●Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) 12:20, 2:55, 5:25
●Stealing Harvard (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 5, 7:25, 9:45
●Swimfan (PG-13) 12:30, 3, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55

United Artists Emery Bay
6330 Christie, Emeryville 510-420-0107
●Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) 12, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
●Barbershop (PG-13) 12, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5, 7, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30
●City By the Sea (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 8, 10:40
●My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:55, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
●One Hour Photo (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
●Signs (PG-13) 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30
●Stealing Harvard (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
●Swimfan (PG-13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
●XXX (PG-13) 12:20, 3:20, 7, 10

Central Contra Costa
Renaissance Orinda Theatre
4 Orinda The Sq., Orinda 926-254-9060
●The Good Girl (R) 7:30, 9:35
●One Hour Photo (R) 7, 9:15
●Possession (PG-13) 7:15, 9:30

Renaissance Park Theatre
3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997
●My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 7, 9:15

Rheem Theatre
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
●City By the Sea (R) 4:40, 7, 9:15
●Italian for Beginners (R) 7:20, 9:25
●Signs (PG-13) 5, 7:10, 9:20
●Spy Kids 2 (PG) 4:30
●Swimfan (PG-13) 5:15, 7:30, 9:30

West Contra Costa
Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
●Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) 12:25, 2:40, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55
●Barbershop (PG-13) 11, 11:45, 12:35, 1:25, 2:15, 3, 3:50, 4:40, 5:25, 6:15, 7:05, 7:50, 8:40, 9:30, 10:15
●Blue Crush (PG-13) 12:30, 2:55, 5:20
●City By the Sea (R) 11:30, 12:20, 1:55, 2:50, 4:25, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:40, 10:25
●Feardotcom (R) 7:45, 10:10
●My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:10, 1:45, 4:35, 6:55, 9:20
●One Hour Photo (R) 12:15, 2:35, 5:10, 7:30, 10
●Serving Sara (PG-13) 12:45
●Signs (PG-13) 11:50, 2:25, 5:05, 8:05, 10:35
●Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8, 10:20
●Stealing Harvard (PG-13) 11:25, 1:35, 3:40, 5:45, 7:55, 10:05
●Swimfan (PG-13) 11:40, 12:40, 1:50, 2:45, 4:05, 5, 6:20, 7:15, 8:25, 9:25, 10:30
●Unrated (R) 3:05, 5:15, 7:25, 9:45
●XXX (PG-13) 11:05, 2, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30, 13

San Francisco
AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
●Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05
●Barbershop (PG-13) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:10, 11:30
●Blue Crush (PG-13) 1:55, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
●The Bourne Identity (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:40, 10:20
●City By the Sea (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10
●Feardotcom (R) 2, 4:35, 7:05, 9:15, 11:20
●Road to Perdition (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
●Signs (PG-13) 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7, 8, 9:30, 10:30
●Simone (PG-13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50
●Spider-Man/Men in Black II (PG-13) 2, 7:50
●Stealing Harvard (PG-13) 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:30, 11:30
●Swimfan (PG-13) 1, 3, 5:05, 7:25, 9:40
●XXX (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:35, 10:25

AMC Kabuki 8
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-931-9800
●Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) 2:25, 5:30, 8:10, 10:35
●Barbershop (PG-13) 1:35, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
●City By the Sea (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
●Possession (PG-13) 2:15, 5:15, 8, 10:30
●Road to Perdition (R) 1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
●Stealing Harvard (PG-13) 2:05, 5:05, 7:50,

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●Swimfan (PG-13) 1:25, 4:10, 7, 9:30
●XXX (PG-13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

Bridge Theatre
3010 Geary Blvd. San Francisco 415-352-0818
●One Hour Photo (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:45

Castro Theatre
429 Castro St. San Francisco 415-621-6120
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●Mostly Martha (PG) 12:15, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

Embarcadero Center Cinema
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●24 Hour Party People (R) 1, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
●The Good Girl (R) 12:20, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
●The Last Kiss (R) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
●Mad Love (2002) (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
●Tadpole (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

Lumiere Theatre
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●The Business of Fantasydancing (Not Rated) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:45
●The Chateau (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15
●Sex and Lucia (Not Rated) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:30

Opera Plaza Cinema
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●Am Trying to Break Your Heart (Not Rated) 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:50
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●Monsoon Wedding (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:40
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●Blue Crush (PG-13) 12, 2:50, 6, 9, 11:20
●City By the Sea (R) 11, 1:50, 4:40, 5:50, 7:30, 8:50, 10:20, 11:40
●Feardotcom (R) 1, 6:30, 11:50
●Men in Black II (PG-13) 1:30, 6:20, 10:50
●My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 10:35, 11:20, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:10, 10, 12:30
●Possession (PG-13) 11:50, 2:10, 5, 7:50, 10:10
●Road to Perdition (R) 11:40, 5:30, 11:30
●Serving Sara (PG-13) 12:20, 3:10
●Signs (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:40, 9:20, 12:05
●Simone (PG-13) 2:30, 8:20
●Spider-Man (PG-13) 10:50, 3:50, 8:30
●Stealing Harvard (PG-13) 10:40, 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 8:40, 11
●Swimfan (PG-13) 12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50, 12:10
●XXX (PG-13) 12:50, 4, 7:10, 10:30

Loews Imax Theatre
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●Everest (Not Rated) 11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
●Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 10:40, 1, 3:20, 5:40, 8

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●Full Frontal (R) 12, 2:20, 7:15, 9:30
●My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:45, 2, 7, 9:45
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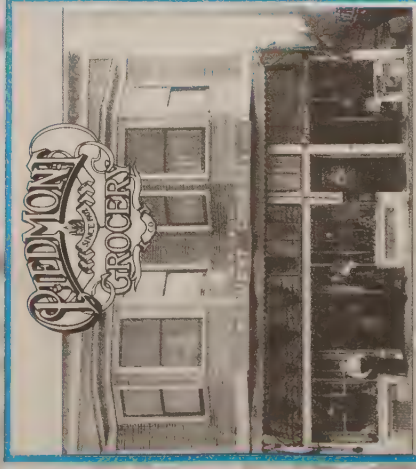
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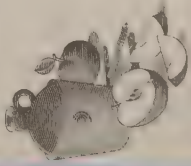
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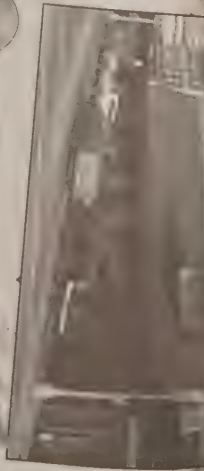
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BLACK II: Director Barry Jenkins has tackled the sequel to his 1997 blockbuster "Men in Black II" like a vacation-bound filmmaker not to leave anything to chance. As is the case with the first, this version is as polished as a diamond, but there are some moments that prove to be godsend. The plot is a mess, but you can't blame it on the director. Tommy Lee Jones and Cuba Gooding Jr. continue to delight, the music is catchy, the gadgetry intriguing, and the acting is top-notch. (A: 4 stars.)

NOTORIOUS C.H.O.: Comedian Margaret Cho, the one-woman comic, returns in her latest work, "Notorious C.H.O.," to the stage. The show is a mix of raunchy and quite funny, with her signature style of raunchy and quite funny. The show is a mix of raunchy and quite funny, with her signature style of raunchy and quite funny. (A: 4 stars.)

ONE HOUR PHOTO: A subdued Robin Williams is in fine form in this psychological thriller from writer/director Mark Romanek. The gripping psychodrama finds a photo developer (Williams) obsessing about a perfect family. There are some missteps in the film, but Romanek's style compensates for them, making for an effective if imperfect thriller. — E. Mitchell. (R; strong language, sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B

POSSESSION: Just when you think summer movies have abandoned romance, along comes this clever, crowd-pleasing adaptation of A.S. Byatt's beloved novel. Gwyneth Paltrow stars as a contemporary scholar who collaborates with a handsome researcher (Aaron Eckhart) to find out if a Victorian poet (Jeremy Northam) was really writing a series of love poems to his wife. Director Neil LaBute moves the film along at a rapid pace, shifting from present to past, and since his source material was so thick, there are some gaps. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexuality and some thematic elements.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B+

READ MY LIPS: Carla (Emmanuelle Devos) is a lonely, dowdy secretary in a French construction firm, mocked by the men in her office because she wears hearing aids. She hires her ex-lover Paul (Vincent Cassel) as a temp and ends up putting his hearing aids to use in order to further her career. In turn, he demands her help with a heist. They hate each other (sort of), but they need each other. As they plot and plan, writer/director Jacques Audiard builds the sexual tension between them to nearly unbearable levels. Devos is brilliant, Cassel oddly appealing, and the plot keeps you in. One of the sexiest and most satisfying movies of the year, and a vivid reminder of the true nature of chemistry between lovers and the rarity with which we see it on the screen. — M. Pols. (NR: includes some violence, sensuality and brief nudity.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. A-

ROAD TO PERDITION: A beautiful movie of near-constant sorrow. Tom Hanks plays Michael Sullivan, a 1930s-era Irish gangster, a man weighed down by his hit-man responsibilities but buoyed by his loyalty to the mob boss, John Rooney (Paul Newman), who raised him like a son. Trouble arises when Sullivan's 12-year-old son (Tyler Hoechlin) becomes a killing and Rooney's already unhinged blood son (Daniel Craig) attempts to silence the boy. Father and son set out on a dangerous road trip, with Jude Law playing a hired killer

halfway through the movie. Garity is a treat, and he's proving to be an actor with a wide range, virtually unrecognizable as the same guy that was in "Bandits" and "Steal This Movie," where he played his own father.

As for Cedric, the combination of his mumbling delivery and the gales of laughter from the preview audience every time the camera turned in his direction made it impossible to hear most of what he was saying. He definitely said a few funny, irreverent things about Rosa Parks, but the rest of his dialogue re-

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mains a mystery. Moreover, contrary to what the hair and makeup departments might think, a few dollops of Cool Whip in the hair are not enough to convince anyone that the 38-year-old is a senior citizen.

The worst error the filmmakers have made is in not jettisoning a stereotype-perpetuating subplot involving the theft of an ATM machine from the convenience store across the street from Calvin's.

The bumbling thieves are Ricky's cousin J.D. (Anthony Anderson) and a bozo named Billy

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LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Santo Sulo and La Familia, Sept. 13, 8:30 p.m. \$10. Yuri Yanakov Ensemble, Sept. 14, 8 p.m. \$15 to \$17. Diamond Moodie, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. \$5. Of Mexican Descent, Burning Star, Colored Ink, Sept. 20, 10 p.m. to 12 p.m. Grand Fonda Chilena, Araucaria, Sept. 21, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Juanita Ulloa and Picante Ensemble, Sept. 22, 8 p.m. \$15.

(Lahmard Tate), who engage in a series of slapstick sequences that hearken back to the lesser routines of the Three Stooges. They're a little too nasty to be endearing — Anderson actually kicks a small child in the butt at one point — and every time we cut away to them, it's an irritating distraction.

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UGLY AND TWICE ODD? "That Ugly Month in September," subtitled "Two Odd Plays on Two Odd Days," is the beguiling title of Shotgun Theatre Lab's latest offering.

The days are odd because community theaters are usually dark on Mondays and Tuesdays, but they are the performance days for the pair of one-acts.

The plays by Dana Vinger — "X and Y," and "Blue Lips" — are odd by Shotgun Theatre Lab's definition for this showcase production by emerging talents.

Best to let director Mark Swetz explain his attraction to Vinger's work: "No one writes plays like this anymore — part Beckett, part Pinter, but definitely a writer with her own voice and very interesting ideas."

The show is at La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, at 8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays (it started this week) and plays through Sept. 17. The run closes with two late performances at 10 p.m. only on Sept. 23 and 24. Tickets are \$10. Call 510-704-8210.

A REMEMBRANCE: A memorial service for Aubrey

McClellan will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. He died after a short illness Aug. 20 at his home in El Cerrito, and was buried in Timpson, a small East Texas town. He was 79.

A chemist by profession, Aubrey was a multitasking man of courtly bearing who found a home for his love of theater at the CCCT around 1980, five years before he retired from Chevron. He quickly melded into the theater family as actor, stage manager, producer, member of the board of directors, but perhaps most visibly through his work as the master carpenter whose craftsmanship brought to fruition many of the sets for plays at Contra Costa Civic Theatre.

Aubrey played many other roles outside the theater. He wrote chemistry textbooks, collected maps, stamps, prints of Venice, played clarinet in a Dixieland band, probed into genealogy.

Shorn of the context about aging, Shakespeare's lines are fitting: "All the world's a stage . . . And one man in his time plays many parts." That's the Aubrey colleagues and friends remember and miss very much.

Jack Tucker's column runs Fridays in the West County Weekly. Send items of interest to him c/o the West County Times, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA, 94806; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@ccctimes.com, or call 510-262-2768.

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Soprano), that remains the series' greatest strength.

This pair's work in this series has demonstrated beyond a doubt that they have few peers as actors. Week in and week out, Falco and Gandolfini are quite remarkable, and their recent film performances underscore this.

I'll go to a mediocre Robert DeNiro movie — even knowing in advance it's not a good film — just to watch DeNiro's work. Same with these two.

Thanks to Falco, Gandolfini and a first-rate cast, like a great Italian dinner, there'll be plenty to savor beginning Sunday night. Thanks to Chase's planned folding of the series, "The Sopranos" won't ever be accused of — dare we say it? — living in the pasta.

FRIDAY THE 13TH MEDIA

NOTES: Several Hills readers were worried that classic KRON-TV anchor Pam Moore had been cut loose when she vanished from the airwaves for four weeks in August, especially in light of our reports here that 5 and 9 p.m. Moore had been hassled by consultants last summer — about something as silly as her bangs.

But Moore said on a KGO Radio talk show the other day that "I asked for a month's sabbatical. I needed personal time after some family losses I had in Detroit."

One caller asked why the station didn't just announce Moore would be gone a month instead of alarming fans of the first-rate newscaster: Moore didn't have an answer.

That question should be directed at KRON management. There are few anchors who can

ad lib well or say much that's entertaining or interesting, but one who can is Moore's 9 o'clock sports anchor, Gary Radnich. That's why it's good that he's been encouraged to do the last minute or so of Channel 4's newscast at 9.

Moore and Wendy Tokuda usually look — or act — mildly flustered after Radnich says something provocative, giving him the perfect straight men (or women). It works, and I'll give the consultants some credit for KRON building in some time at the end of the "cast to let KNBR host Radnich loose to do his thing and get a few laughs.

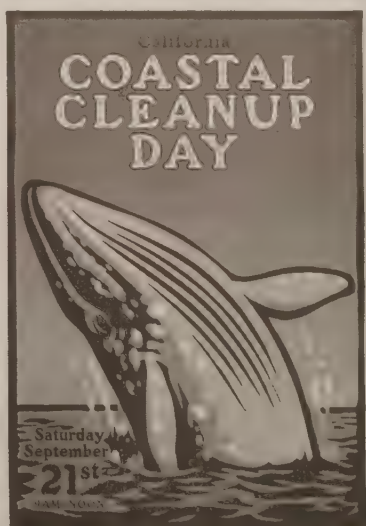
Speaking of KNOB, however, is there anything sadder than seeing the station, which has always been primarily an electronic Giants' fan club, trying to play down the A's phenomenal success so as not to "damage" their beloved Giants? And local TV stations are almost as bad — we endured two or three days of intense coverage on who might catch surly slugger Barry Bonds' 600th home-run ball — a classic case of coverage overkill.

RAIDERS UPDATE: It's a pleasure to see that, like "The Sopranos" that day, the Raiders' game won't be blacked out Sunday (it's at Pittsburgh). These recurring blackouts, given Oakland's strong teams, are a major embarrassment to "beloved" Raider owner Al Davis.

Finally, Oakland media gadfly Rich Lieberman jokes that he can hardly wait to pick up the ANGSTpaper each day. Why on Earth? Rich: "To find out if that wacky Ray Orrock is doing a column about condiments."

Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill: Newsmann@sonic.net

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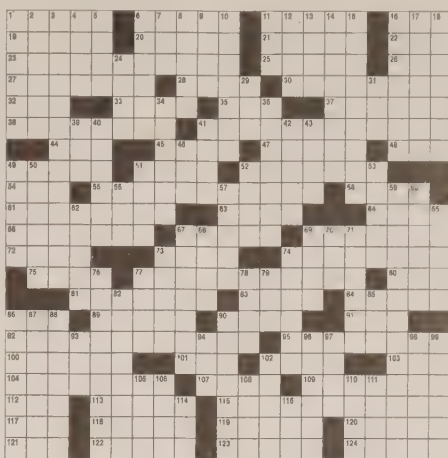
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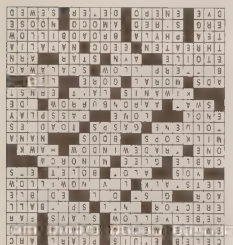
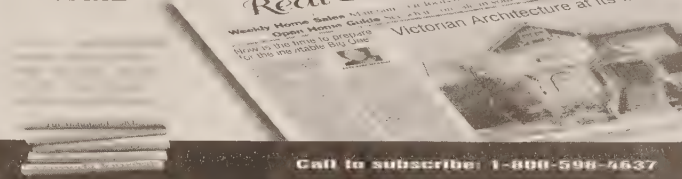
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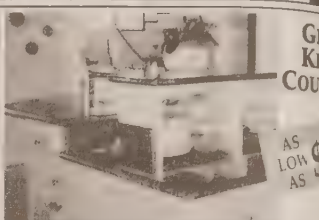
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Children

East Bay School for Girls will hold its 2002 St. John's Presbyterian Church Center at 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. This new location is a modern, two-story building with a large auditorium and will provide a safe and secure environment for the growing number of students. The move will take place in late August for the 2003 academic year on the new campus. Details: 482-4444.

Support Group meets twice a week on Tuesday evenings at the Cancer Resource Center, 1999 University Ave. The free group is for those who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is facilitated by a team whose mother had cancer. Details: 531-7551.

Read books from the Berkeley Jewish Community Center. Spend quality time with your children with the children's librarian, who will read Jewish roots or check out new books. The library is at 1414 10th St. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237. **Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a** children's museum of Children's Museum of Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 549-9682.

El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For details, call Judi, 215-4371.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Classes

■ University of California Botanical

Garden organizes Free Sick Plant Clinic on the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. Next date is Sept. 7. UC Plant pathology and entomology experts will diagnose what ails your plant. UC Botanical Garden is located at 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. For information, call 510-643-2755.

■ **Vista Community College** has already begun its fall 2002 semester. Enrollment is open through Sept. 7. Registration times are Mondays and Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enrollment for short-term mid-semester classes is open until the day they begin. Vista is at 2020 Milvia St. between University and Addison, Berkeley, one block from BART and AC Transit lines. Details: 510-981-2852 www.peralta.cc.ca.us

■ **Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (prorated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

■ **Vista Community College**, 2020 Milvia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Details: 981-2800

■ **Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

■ **The Albany YMCA** offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. Details: 525-1130

■ **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For details, including class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

■ **The Berkeley Adult School (BAS)** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Details: 644-6130

■ **The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. Details: 883-5222

■ **Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Leave a name and phone number.

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■ **Berkeley Community Media (BCM)**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

■ **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., of-

fers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalanjah Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.

■ **Life Stories/College and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Details: 845-8830.

■ **Contemporary Women's Issues** class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School taught by Judith Carroll MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older.

Call 644-8107 for additional information.

■ **Dance and Fitness** Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

■ **Let's Swing and Jitterbug**: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

■ **UC Botanical Garden**, 200 Centen-

nial Drive, Berkeley, holds free sick plant clinics first Saturday of every month, from 9 a.m. to noon. UC plant pathology and entomology experts diagnose what ails your plant. The next clinic is Aug. 3. Details: 643-2755.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers (BNC)**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other pho-

tographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For details call Don at 525-3565.

■ **TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly)** Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. For more information call Betty Coates at 235-0490. This chapter has moved from Richmond.

■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop

publishing business. ■ **Berkeley's Office** services presents a new Community Energy Training (CERT) course. Give basic practical training to residents, including fire safety, earthquake safety, and the free disaster preparedness classes are open to all ages. To register call the Berkeley Office at 525-3565. ■ **Berkeley Art Museum** Participate in the Community Energy Training (CERT) course. To register call the Berkeley Office at 525-3565.

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by graduate students from the Berkeley Department of Architecture. Meetings: Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 843-9068

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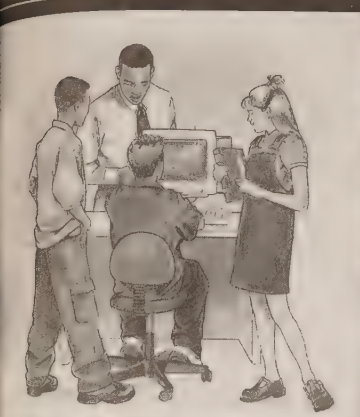
Exhibits

- **Traywick Gallery** announces a solo exhibition featuring new work by Charles LaBelle. The event takes place Sept. 14 through Oct. 19, and will run concurrently with the backroom show "Ken Fandell: Video and Photographs." A reception for the artists takes place 6-8 p.m. on Sept. 14. Traywick Gallery is located in Berkeley at 1316 Tenth St., near Gilman. Details: www.traywick.com

- **The Albany Arts Committee** presents "Before and After," a photograph exhibit by Jim Hair, through Sept. 19, at the Albany Community Center, Library Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Details: 524-9283
- **Albany Arts Gallery**, 1251 Solano Ave., continues its exhibit of color photographs by Michael T. Williams, entitled "The People of Nepal and Village Life," through Aug. 31. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 526-9558
- **The Richmond Museum of History** continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and home-front contributions during World War II. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is

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- **El Cerrito** presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on request. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Blvd. Details: Judie, 215-4371
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Health

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

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■ **Tai Chi Chuan** and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. To sign up call 268-4995.

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more details call 848-6370.

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■ **"What is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Prigto Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0661 for additional information.

■ **Emotions Anonymous:** Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Literary Events

■ **"The Growing Threat of Bioterrorism,"** will be addressed by Stanford Professor Steven M. Block at 7 p.m. Sept. 18, at Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Dr. Block is a member of JASON, a group of academicians that consults for the US government and its agencies on technical matters related to national security. Before the program, Spengers will provide a buffet of lavish and varied hors d'oeuvres, including their special Seafood Bar. Cost: \$25 for members of the club and \$28 for non members. For more information, and tickets, call Sue Houlek at 510-653-9287.

■ **The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings

■ **Alta Bates Summit Medical Center** presents a free workshop to educate women with physical limitations about accessing breast health care and to do self breast exam education. The workshop takes place from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 19, at Maffly Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. For more information or to make a reservation, call 510-869-6737.

■ **Improve your speaking skills** by attending Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more details call Don at 525-3565.

■ **Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25** meets on the third Tuesday of

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■ **The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics** Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 8:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ **Berkeley Toastmasters Club** meet

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■ **The Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for additional information.

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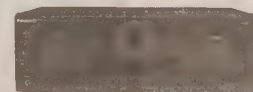
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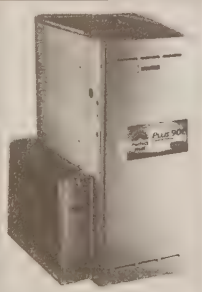
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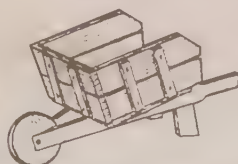
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On the down side, the big Chevy is, well, a BIG Chevy! The full-size Suburban stretches 219 inches long and 79 inches wide. The sheer size of the Suburban makes it tough to fit in tight quarters — on- or off-road.

That being said, there's little doubt that the Z71 will be tough enough to suit the off-road needs of virtually all Suburban buyers.

Off-road, being large can sometimes be a liability. On-road, Suburbans are prized for their size. Big outside means roomy inside and a flexible floor plan offers many options.

An optional third-row bench seat adds passenger room. Or, you can pull all the rear seats and have enough space under cover to hold a 4x8 sheet of plywood.

In all, seating can range up to nine (not all adult size) and cargo stretches from 45.7 cubic feet be-



CHEVROLET SUBURBAN gets even bigger with 4x4 Z71 model, made to be truly off-road. It can accommodate nine and with second- and third row seats removed, cargo space

hind the third-row seat to a mammoth 131.6 cubic feet with the second and third rows out. The most common mid-ground will seat two rows worth of people and still hold 90 cubic feet of cargo.

Whatever combination of people and stuff you choose to travel with, you'll get no complaints on comfort.

The off-road suspension has no appreciable effect on Suburban's smooth, on-road ride. Handling is big truck typical. You make allowances for your bulk — and other drivers do likewise.

A 4x4 Suburban 1/2 ton weighs in at 5,219 pounds and feels its size when braking. Drivers are well ad-

vised to allow for this when figuring the following distance of the vehicle ahead on the highway.

Suburbans have always been a popular choice for those who tow because they can pull heavy and still pack people inside. Buyers can equip their vehicles to tug as much as 12,000 pounds (3/4-ton, 4x2). A 1/2-ton 4x4 like my test truck was rated at 8,600 pounds.

Three engine choices are available, including the 5.3-liter V8 standard on 1/2-ton models, the 6.0-liter eight that powers 3/4-ton Suburbans and — for the truly power-hungry — the optional 8.1-liter V8. It's rated at 340 horsepower and a stump-pulling 455 pound-feet of

torque. The dual fuel option gives a Suburban EPA-rated 21 mpg city, 26 mpg highway, or 23 mpg combined. Despite its size, the Suburban is a fun to drive. Following in the footsteps of the original Suburban, this new contender

LATCH

FROM PAGE D1

Lower Anchor and Tethers for Children.

The LATCH system eliminates the problems I experienced, as it does not require the use of the vehicle's seatbelts to install the safety seat. Instead, vehicles with the LATCH system have anchors located in the back seat where the cushions meet.

Automakers generally put the anchors in two different seating positions in the back seats. The child safety seats have buckles or hooks near the bottom that latch into the anchors.

New vehicles also have top anchor points — usually in the ceiling — that fasten to the tether strap at the top of the safety seat.

NHTSA Administrator Jeffrey W. Runge, previously an emergency room medical doctor who has seen more than his fair share of deaths and injuries from car crashes, said at a recent press conference that the LATCH system is expected to save up to 50 lives a year and prevent nearly 3,000 injuries.

Government statistics show motor vehicle crashes are the single largest cause of child fatalities in the U.S., responsible for more than 1,800 deaths of children age 14 and younger each year and at least 280,000 injuries.

More than half of the children younger than 5 who die in vehicle crashes are unrestrained; of those restrained, 20 percent were buckled into adult seatbelts, not child safety seats.

Yet, used properly, child safety seats have proven to be extremely effective. They reduce the risk of death for infants by 71 percent and 54 percent for toddlers.

While automakers and safety seat manufacturers have gradually installed LATCH systems in their new products in the past couple years, all are required to do so starting this month.

In addition, retrofit kits, which can be ordered from the manufacturer for about \$25, are available for some child seats, and most vehicles can be retrofitted with the system by contacting the manufacturer or dealership.

A survey commissioned by the Chrysler Group shows the public is unaware of the new LATCH system

but is extremely interested when they hear about it. Chrysler is launching an advertising campaign to raise public awareness of the new LATCH system and of the need for seat inspections.

This effort is part of its SeatCheck safety program launched in February with its partners NHTSA, the National Safety Council, Graco Children's Products Inc., Lamaze International, Toys "R" Us and Babies "R" Us.

The program urges parents to get their child safety seats inspected and directs parents to seat inspection locations nationwide through a toll-free hotline: 866-Seat-Check or 866-732-8243 and a Web site: www.seatcheck.org.

The Chrysler campaign highlights LATCH information in all SeatCheck materials distributed.

These materials include print advertisements in national parenting publications this fall; radio public service announcements; a poster distribution to pediatrician offices and day care centers; a LATCH brochure and poster distribution to more than 5,000 Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge dealers; and a grassroots campaign to the safety, health and child care community.

Keane on Wheels

FROM PAGE D1

person who doesn't have a fortune to spend. Honda hasn't firmed up the price yet, but the LX model will run about \$16,000 and the EX model around \$21,000.

Buyers will have the choice of two-wheel or four-wheel drive and a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

My choice would be a manual, as Honda seems to have one of the easiest and most precise shifters in the business. Linked to a 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine, the Element produced surprisingly good performance.

Incidentally, the shifter is on the central portion of the dash panel.

I noticed one fault: While driving in a shaded area in daylight, I was unable to read the instrumentation. But that problem was quickly remedied by turning on the headlights.

The view from the driver's seat was different from that of a car.

I sat somewhat higher, yet not

as high as when driving a sport utility vehicle.

Handling was easy; and since the wheelbase is slightly wider than a car's, the stability when turning was above average.

Because there are only four seats, there is plenty of elbow and

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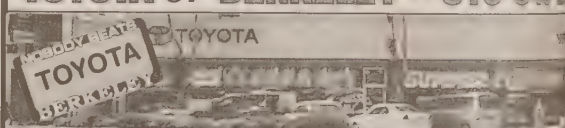
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1969 VW Transporter: An unusual pickup

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14-1/2-foot-long vehicle was painted a Microbus color — Elm Green. The spartan monochrome basket-weave vinyl interior was replaced with a two-tone interior also from a Microbus — light sand and khaki brown.

A full-gauge instrument panel from a deluxe Microbus was installed, as well as all the chrome trim found inside and outside on the top-of-the-line Microbus.

After years of faithful service delivering parts for the dealer, the deluxe Transporter was sold to a Virginian with restoration in mind. Despite the new owner's best intentions, the Transporter sank up to its axles in mud while awaiting a restoration that never came.

The next owner took the Volkswagen to the Shenandoah Valley where he brought it back to drivability and then gave it to his teen-age son for daily use. With the son going off to college in 1997, the father wanted him to drive there with more than 40 horsepower at his command. Consequently, the Transporter was put up for sale.

That's when John Williams, a long-time Volkswagen fan, bought the unusual 6-foot, 5-inch tall truck and had it trucked home. He then drove it the next 2-1/2 years the way it was.

"I was the most popular guy on moving days," he recalls.

The original engine with 61,000 miles on the odometer was in the Transporter when it was purchased. Williams decided the time had come for a total restoration for "Inga," the name he gave the truck.

The frame of the 2,370-pound Microbus



THIS 1969 VOLKSWAGEN TRANSPORTER has history of neglect, but finally finds an owner who cares and refurbishes the mini-truck.

was in excellent condition, but had the typical areas of rust, such as the doglegs ahead of the front wheels and the rocker panel.

Thankfully, Williams said, "The Holy Grail of VW pickups was intact." He was referring to the three drop gates, each one 14.8 inches high. "They are impossible to find."

The floor of the 5x8-foot bed was bent and bruised from its parts hauling days, as was the floor of what Williams calls the "Treasure Chest," the compartment under the bed.

The Treasure Chest is the width of the truck and is 51 inches from the front to the

rear and 13.4-inches high. It is accessible through one door on the right. With a near vertical steering column the truck steers like — well, a truck, with 2.8-turns of the steering wheel lock-to-lock.

"Because of its unique history, I chose not to return Inga to the way she had left the factory, but as I found her, with Elm Green paint and a two-toned interior," Williams said.

"Otherwise, I have tried to bring her back to as stock as possible."

Besides cosmetic fixes, the 96.6-cubic-inch four-cylinder engine was replaced. The new one, Williams reports, "still delivers 40

whopping horsepower."

Although the speedometer is prepared to record speeds up to 90 miles per hour, the owner's manual lists both the maximum and top speeds as 65 mph.

The truck is supposed to get 23 miles per gallon.

After attaching VW mudflaps, Williams proclaimed Inga's restoration complete in December 2001, two-and-a-half years after starting the project.

If you have a vehicle of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Motor Matters, 4635 Bailey Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808-4109 detailing its merits.

and Cherokee Limited — Jeep's new middle class

DAN LYONS

Jeep's new Vari-Lok axles. The combined technology allows Jeeps so equipped to channel virtually all of the power that the engine is developing to one wheel, when needed.

This capacity to shift grip to the wheel that slips can be very reassuring. It's nice to know that as the surroundings get remote, your chances of getting stuck are likewise.

So, if getting away from it all means heading out into backcountry, you're covered. If it means hooking up to the boat or the pop-up camper and cruising to a favorite spot, you're still good to go.

By selecting the right combination of options, Grand Cherokee can be outfitted to handle a maximum gross trailer weight of up to 6,000 pounds.

If a luxury ute is doing its job right, you might not be in too big a hurry to get outside and rough it.

Grand Cherokee Limited is well qualified to keep occupants comfortable inside, living the soft life.

New for 2002 is an electroluminescent instrument cluster. Power adjustable brake and gas pedals are optional on Limited and Overland models and add up to 3 inches of travel and a memory feature.

Side curtain airbags for front and second-row passengers are newly available as are two other interesting options. Rain-sensing automatic windshield wipers are self explanatory.

A tire pressure monitoring system pretty much says what it is as well, although its value extends beyond just convenience.

Many things can happen to a vehicle that is running with substantially under- or overinflated tires, and none of them are good.

Therefore, a system like this one — which alerts the driver to low tire pressure and displays actual pressure readings — is cheap insurance at \$150.

The interior of the Grand Cherokee Limited comfortably seats four to five adults while also accommodating a generous amount of their belongings.

Cargo room ranges from 39 cubic feet behind the back seat to a maximum of 72 cubic feet, if you fold and tumble the 60/40 split rear seat forward.

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Easy preventative tire care can keep your RV on the road

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During the summer travel is heavy, and just as surely, some of that RV crowd will be waylaid with mechanical problems.

Rvers report tire failures are among the most common problems to cause trip interruptions. Fortunately, tire problems are almost fully avoidable for the majority of RV travelers.

While you can hardly tell if an engine is about to spin a bearing or a differential pinion gear is headed south, tires are something you can keep an eye on. By following some common-sense maintenance and inspection procedures, you can help assure your travel miles are tire-trouble-free.

There are several factors that lead to early tire downfall. Unfortunately, many of these factors are exacerbated during the summer months, so the rate of tire failure naturally goes up with the increase of vacation travel.

High speed, heat, overloading, underinflation and age all figure in a tire's useful life span, and these factors are tied inseparably together.

Underinflation: This is the number one tire killer. A tire is rated to carry a specific load at a specific cold inflation pressure.

As a tire's pressure decreases below its maximum rated pressure, its ability to carry a load is reduced. A tire that's underinflated and carrying a heavy load at or near its

JEFF JOHNSTON
Rolling Homes

rated capacity is subject to being overloaded.

This condition can lead to rapid failure and complete tire disintegration.

High speed: The faster a tire rotates, the faster it flexes and the more heat is built up in its carcass.

Families on short vacation schedules can drive at extra-high average speeds, and that speed can destroy RV tires in marginal condition.

Heat: Summer sun can drive the surface temperature of a road sky-high, to say nothing of the air temp, and this extra ambient heat just exacerbates any internal heat buildup in a tire.

Excess heat is a part of what causes tire carcass separation, in which the layers of rubber that make up a tire start to separate and delaminate, coming apart at the worst times and leading to catastrophic tire failure.

Overloading: Like underinflation, this situation leads to excess tire flex and its resultant heat buildup. However, even a properly inflated, brand-new tire can be overloaded, in which case the failure comes from physical carcass failure.

Age: Because people use RVs



CHECKING TIRES requires close-up inspection for cracks, tears or items that may be embedded in the rubber

far less than a car they drive every day, they tend to forget how old its various parts can become. After a tire is 4 or 5 years old, it starts to degrade quickly, even if it's not used very much.

A trailer that's towed just a few thousand miles each year, if that much, may have tires with a lot of tread left, but the sidewalls and rubber casing may be cracked and eroding away due to age and the effect of ozone and the sun's ultra-violet radiation.

Tread and sidewall cracks physically weaken a tire, which can ag-

gravate overloading and its ills.

What can you, as a user, do to deter assorted tire pitfalls and failures?

1. Monitor and maintain your tire pressure. Do this on a regular basis, and you'll avoid about 70 percent of potential tire problems.

Each tire has pressure and loading figures molded into its sidewall. It says something like, for example, "Max. load, 2,034 pounds. at 85 psi cold inflation pressure."

Use that inflation figure as a starting point for keeping your tires pumped up.

2. Avoid overloading. Weigh your RV at a public scale and check the weight figures per tire against the maximum load figures quoted in No. 1. Don't exceed a given tire's capacity, and it'll save you grief.

3. Inspect your tires regularly. Don't just take a glance at the sidewall as you walk by, either. Get down on your knees and give a long look at the sidewall and tread areas.

Check for cracks, tears, items embedded in the rubber, splits in the tread, bubbles or obvious signs of potential failure. Look on the tire's

inside surface, too, showing signs before they get

4. Cover the sun's rays. You can use a protective plastic or a sunshade to protect the rubber from the sun's rays.

That's a tip for inspection. For inspection, open and miles of the

Quadrasteer makes extended-cab pickup easier to drive, park

BY STEVEN COLE SMITH
KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE BUSINESS NEWS

It's no argument: The most popular vehicle in America is the pickup truck.

The perennial top seller is the Ford F-150, followed by the Chevrolet Silverado. But driving trucks has drawbacks, not the least of which the fact that they are long, and not particularly maneuverable.

New technology is changing that, but like a lot of new technology, it's expensive.

But how much would it be worth to you to make an extended-cab pickup, with an overall length of 227.7 inches, turn in the same space required by Saturn sedan, which is 178.1 inches long?

That's exactly what Quadrasteer does for the GMC Sierra Denali pickup. The 2002 Denali, probably the most deluxe pickup truck available, sells for \$44,105, and right now, it's the only one with Quadrasteer. That will change for 2003. More on that in a moment.

Quadrasteer revives an idea that Honda and a few other manufacturers tried, and failed, to popularize in the late 1980s and early 1990s: Four-wheel steering, mean-

ing that the rear wheels steer just like the front wheels do.

If you are turning left, for instance, the rear wheels turn just slightly to the right, to swing the rear end around the corner.

But when Honda introduced four-wheel steering on the 1988 Honda Prelude, the difference was not dramatic. The Prelude was already a small, very good-handling car, and while you could tell that the four-wheel steering was working, tests suggested that it did not improve lap times on a race track over a regular Prelude.

And since the Prelude was no problem to park anyway, the extra cost and complexity just wasn't worth it. Honda dropped the four-wheel steering option in 1994, and few noticed.

Various forms of four-wheel steering came and went with other manufacturers, such as Nissan, Mazda and Mitsubishi, with even less impact.

Enter Delphi, a technology company that used to be a part of General Motors, but was spun off on its own, retaining GM as its largest customer. Delphi figured that four-wheel steering was a good idea for trucks,

not cars.

On the Sierra Denali, four-wheel steering reduces the turning circle (the diameter of a circle made when a vehicle is turning with the steering wheel all the way to one side) by 21 percent, down to just over 37 feet. That's the same as the smallest Saturn.

And it's a very noticeable difference. Make a sharp right turn at an intersection from a narrow road, and the rear wheel doesn't jump over the curb. Parallelpark, and the Denali feels like it's a much shorter vehicle.

But the biggest difference is in towing a trailer. At the introduction of Quadrasteer technology at an event in Detroit, GMC laid out a very tight course in a big parking lot, lining the course with pylons.

Journalists had the chance to drive the course with the Quadrasteer on, and with it off (a dashboard-mounted switch allows you to turn the feature off if you want).

With the Quadrasteer off, everyone who drove the course took out several of the plastic pylons. With Quadrasteer on, navigating the course was no problem, even for those who had never towed a trailer

before. It was a pretty convincing demonstration.

"The impact that four-wheel steering has is enormous," said Sam Mancuso, GMC Sierra brand manager. "It changes the entire driving dynamics."

It's a fairly simple system to understand, but an exceptionally complex system to design. The front wheels use regular hydraulic power steering, but the rear wheels steer using a big electric motor, one at each wheel.

Delphi could use regular steering, but the electric motors can operate much faster than hydraulics. With hydraulics, there would be a delay from the time you turn the steering wheel to the time the rear wheels get the message.

At very low speeds, the rear

wheels steer in the opposite direction as the front wheels, swinging the rear around like the rear driver on a hook-and-ladder fire truck.

At higher speeds, the rear wheels steer in the same direction as the front wheels, aiding lane changes.

All this rear steering is not nearly as severe as the front steering — when you are stopped, and you turn the steering wheel from side to side, you can see the rear wheels steer slightly, never more than a 12-degree angle, far less than the front wheels can turn.

But it doesn't take much to make a difference in the handling.

The downside: Extra weight, cost and complexity. The rear flared out of the Denali are flared out slightly, to help make room for the

wheels to steer

But other called "transverse" stuff that works otherwise cars

For 2003, on less expensive and some even the heavy-duty Suburban SUV

Price has not come out a good \$4,500 extra many other features Denali's big 8.0-liter

Is it worth it? truck to tow have to negotiate parking lots, yes. It's a genuine



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DAIMLERCHRYSLER plans to produce the Pacifica, called a "sports tourer," as a 2004 model.

Pacifica goes from concept to reality

Chrysler is taking a concept vehicle to the streets with the all-new Pacifica "sports tourer."

The Chrysler Pacifica is a six-passenger vehicle with three rows of seating, car-like handling and a low step-in height.

Pacifica is powered by a 3.5-liter V6 engine mated to a four-speed automatic transaxle. Pacifica will be available as a front- or all-wheel drive vehicle.

The 2004 Pacifica will go on sale in the spring of 2003.

FCX to market: The Honda FCX has become the first fuel-cell vehicle to receive government certification, paving the way for the commercial use of fuel-cell cars.

Both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board have certified the hydrogen-powered Honda FCX.

"Certification allows Honda to place fuel-cell vehicles in commercial operation," said Tom Elliott of

SPARE PARTS
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Honda.

The automaker started fuel cell research in 1989.

Sales remain strong: Despite the weak economy, the National Automobile Dealers Association has raised its 2002 projections for vehicle sales from 16.3 million to 16.8 million vehicles, based largely on the continuing success of zero percent financing.

NADA expects zero financing to stay strong through November.

Making a comeback: Though passenger car sales have lost ground to trucks in recent years, domestic automakers are ready to make a comeback on sedans, coupes and station wagons.

The Detroit News reports GM will invest \$500 million in its Ohio fac-

tory to produce a new line of small cars.

DaimlerChrysler plans a return of rear-wheel drive large sedans, and Ford will bolster its aging car lineup with new products, including the Ford Five Hundred sedan.

Pick and choose: The Isuzu Rodeo, assembled in Lafayette, Ind., starts at just \$18,290 for the S model, a two-wheel drive SUV with a manual transmission.

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Some ways to check to see if battery drain cause of starting problem

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If you're having a problem starting your car about once a week, it's not a big deal. But if it starts slowly — sometimes it won't start at all — and it takes a long time to crank, the car may have a problem. The battery is about 2 to 3 years old. It may be time to replace it. A car has 79,500 miles and is in good shape.

BRAD BERGHOLDT
Auto QnA

What is the best way to track down the cause? How do I tell if it's the battery, the starter or the alternator causing the problem?

Pete Gillespie, Antelope, Calif.

A Based on your observations, it sounds like the battery is either weak or faulty, is being poorly charged or is discharging while the car is parked.

Because the starter cranks the

engine well most of the time, and when the battery is assisted with jumper cables, it's unlikely the fault lies with it.

Let's start with a few quick checks. Begin by cleaning the battery terminals and checking the alternator belt tension.

With the engine off, try grabbing the alternator pulley-fan by hand. If you can rotate it at all (skidding the belt), the belt is loose, which can result in poor battery charging and reduced system performance.

Next, start the engine and turn

on every electrical accessory at the same time (particularly the headlights, heater blower and rear window defogger).

Raise the engine speed to 1,500 to 2,000 rpm and take a look at the system voltage, via the instrument panel voltmeter or a handheld unit connected to the battery. If you see 13 volts or higher, the alternator is doing its job. Less than 13 volts indicates possible problems.

If the alternator checked OK, drive the car for about a half hour to ensure the battery is well charged.

Next, disable the engine so it can't start by doing one of the following: Remove the fuel pump fuse, unplug the fuel injectors or disconnect the wiring connector at the distributor.

Then operate the starter for 20 seconds. If the engine turns over rapidly for the entire period, the battery is fairly proficient. If the starter slows noticeably during this time, the battery is weak or defective.

If the above checks were OK, our final concern is whether the battery is draining while the car is parked. If your starting difficulties

were after a two- to three-day resting period, this could be our gremlin.

Visually check all interior, trunk and hood lights, ensuring they're off. Then try disconnecting the battery over the rest period, and see how this affects your symptoms. Tracking down the cause of a battery drain may be best left to a pro as the procedures go beyond what I can describe here.

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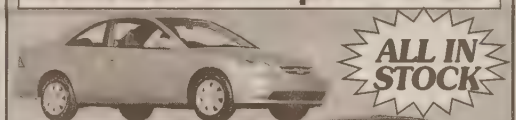


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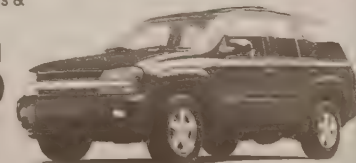
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GM's trucks keep the line rolling

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

General Motors owes much of its recent success to its trucks and sport utilities. The automaker intends to keep the momentum rolling by introducing numerous innovative variants of those truck-type vehicles over the next few years.

The Chevrolet Colorado is a new mid-size pickup truck that goes into production in late 2003 as a 2004 model. It is based on the architecture of GM's mid-size sport utility and its inline six-cylinder engine introduced in the 2002 Chevrolet TrailBlazer, GMC Envoy and Oldsmobile Bravada.

Buick gets a version of the sport utility. The Rainier becomes its second sport utility vehicle, following last year's introduction of the Rendezvous.

The Rainier rides on the same chassis as the TrailBlazer. However, it features traditional Buick styling cues, including the oval grille and luxury appointments, such as walnut interior trim and jewel-like gauges with a touch of turquoise on the needles, as with the Rendezvous.

Unlike its cousins, the Rainier comes only with a V6 engine instead of the six-cylinder engine and is standard with all-wheel drive. Buick doesn't believe the Rainier will overlap with the Rendezvous, which is minivan-based for up to seven-passenger seating, and comes as front- or all-wheel drive with a V6 engine.

Just this spring, GM added long-

wheelbase versions of the Chevrolet TrailBlazer and GMC Envoy, called the TrailBlazer EXT (for extended) and Envoy XL, for extra long.

Currently powered by the same inline six-cylinder engine in the TrailBlazer and Envoy, the longer versions will be available with V8 power in the 2003 model year. The TrailBlazer also will be available as a North Face edition, similar to the Avalanche. North Face is an outdoor clothing and equipment manufacturer.

Another model, the GMC Envoy XUV, will be launched from the Envoy XL. On sale next summer as a 2004 model and inspired by Home Depot shoppers who wrestled their purchases into their vehicles, the Envoy XUV offers four innovative features.

A power sliding rear roof makes it possible to carry tall items, like refrigerators, motorcycles or big-screen TVs. A midgate like that on the Chevrolet Avalanche separates the passenger cabin from the cargo bay.

In the XUV, the glass in the midgate is powered down into the door instead of being removable, as with the Avalanche. The midgate folds down to create a large cargo space.

The tailgate drops like a pickup truck's or swings open sideways. The all-weather cargo floor can be hosed down and the water drains out of the vehicle.

Cadillac, meantime, will not receive a version of GM's mid-size

sport utility, despite much internal debate. Instead, Cadillac will offer only the SRX, a cross between a performance sport wagon and sport utility.

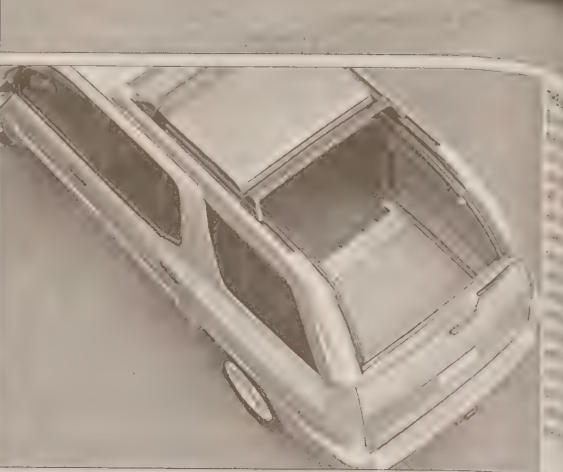
On sale in spring 2003 as a 2004 model, the SRX uses the same rear-drive Sigma platform as the CTS, introduced earlier this year. In fact, it looks like a CTS on mild steroids. The SRX ("sporty, reconfigurable crossover") competes against vehicles like the BMW X5, only with more function, like seven-passenger seating.

Coming out even sooner, GM has spruced up the Chevrolet Silverado full-size pickup truck for the 2003 model year. The front now bears a family resemblance to the Chevrolet Avalanche and TrailBlazer.

Inside, it is more refined; leather seats are taut like those in European sedans rather than gathered. A new center console includes a phone holder.

New features include an XM satellite radio, a DVD player with a screen that drops from the roof, adjustable pedals to keep the driver a safe distance from the airbag, airbags that sense the severity of the crash, a sensor that detects the installation of a child seat in front and shuts off the airbag, and an upgraded stability control system.

Four-wheel steering, marketed as QuadraSteer, will be offered on more Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra models in 2003 and will be offered on full-size sport utilities, including the Chevrolet Suburban and GMC Yukon XL.



Chrysler gives lowly Neon special treatment

BY G. CHAMBERS
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SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

Once again, Dodge has dressed up the lowly Neon subcompact to try to appeal to someone other than the budget-conscious, entry-level, first-time new-car buyer that the little cars were designed for.

And this time, I have to credit DaimlerChrysler with a pretty good effort in its trimming of the new Neon SXT model for 2002.

DaimlerChrysler spokesman Scott Brown said that the SXT is designed to combine high-value content, style and fun-to-drive characteristics in a vehicle with a bargain price, and that base model SXT Neons, without extra-cost options such as antilock brakes or a four-speed automatic transmission, can be purchased for \$12,000-\$13,000 with the rebates and incentives now in effect.

This SXT designation is used on four different Dodge car and truck models this spring, including the Stratus sedan and coupe, the Intrepid sedan, the Durango sport utility and the Dakota mid-size pickup, he said. The numbers of each vehicle produced with this special package is limited.

SXT Neons start at \$13,995 (plus \$515 transportation) with a five-speed manual transmission, or \$14,730 (plus transportation) with a three-speed automatic.

This is about the same price as the midlevel value model called the ES, and the SXT has all of the features of the ES, including the 132-horsepower base engine, 15-inch aluminum wheels, keyless entry, and power locks and mirrors.

The SXT package adds an AM/FM/CD radio with six speakers, tachometer, body-color instrument-panel bezels (yellow, red or blue), fog lamps, rear decklid spoiler, and a special high-impact yellow exterior paint option, which was on our test car.

It is what I would call New York taxiab yellow, and it is pretty cool.

Our test model featured extras that ran the price to \$18,190 (including transportation). Considering that you could buy an entry-level Accord or Camry for that money, or a fully-equipped mid-size Hyundai Sonata with V6 engine and leather seats for less than that, our test model didn't come across as much of a bargain — at least not like the base version at that under-\$15,000 price.

Still, this little car grows on you. It's no hot rod because it comes with the Neon's base 2.0-liter, single-overhead-cam four-cylinder engine, rated at 132 horsepower and 129 foot-pounds of torque.

The Neon R/T, the sport-performance model introduced last year, which runs about the same prices at the SXT, has a peppier engine, a 150-horsepower version of the same 2.0-liter.

But the SXT is more about appearance than performance, and you have to bear in mind that with this small engine, you

do get EPA fuel economy ratings of 24 miles per gallon in the city and 31 on the highway — not great, but not down in the SUV fuel-economy range, either.

Extras that help push our SXT's price over \$18,000 included a four-speed automatic transmission (\$825); a "buyer security group" (\$1,210) that brought side air bags, a rearview mirror with built-in reading lights, power door locks, security alarm and lamps in the glove box and trunk; a "sun/sound group" (\$1,035) with a power sunroof, AM/FM/cassette stereo with four-disc in-dash CD player, and passenger-assist handles; cruise control (\$235); antilock brakes (\$740); and 15-inch chromed aluminum wheels (\$600).

Now, to be honest with you, I've never been a fan of the Neon, which was introduced in 1994 as then-Chrysler Corp.'s new entry-level model. I rented one at the Nashville, Tenn., airport a couple of years ago and found it to be a rattletrap, even though it had only a few thousand miles on it.

But I am now looking at the Neon with new respect after test-driving this latest version. I found the body to be tight and rattle-free, the interior to have excellent fit and finish — better than that of some very popular, much more expensive Japanese mid-size sedans I've driven lately — and the overall driving experience to be much better than that of the earlier Neon models.

Would I pay \$18,000-plus for a Neon? Probably not, because I still look at it as an entry-level vehicle, and that is no entry-level price.

But that's not to say that this SXT version is not worth that much money; that's for you to decide if you're in the market for a small car.

Just remember that you can get a pretty nice SXT for under \$15,000 — and maybe under \$13,000 — if you don't have to have all of the extras that came on our test car.

Other standard equipment on our test model included power rack-and-pinion steering, power front disc/rear drum brakes, air conditioning, tinted glass, variable intermittent wipers, rear defroster, tilt steering wheel, full-length center console with cupholders, dual sun visors with vanity mirrors, four-wheel independent suspension and front/rear floor mats.

The front seats were low-back, cloth buckets that were quite comfortable for an economy car, and the rear bench seat was roomy and comfortable for two full-size adults or three small ones.

In fact, interior space is quite good in the Neon despite its small external appearance.

The trunk is roomy enough for the luggage a small family might carry on a cross-country trip, and there is a glow-in-the-dark emergency release handle so anyone trapped back there can open the lid and get out safely.

The fuel tank holds 12.5 gallons of gasoline, and unleaded regular is recommended.

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Marauder a fun, modern muscle car is 'what a car should be'

BY MATT NAUMAN
EIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

It's out of the step with the times, Mercury Marauder sedan deserves applause for

...a week behind the wheel, including a

...with my two young boys, I think the Marauder gets an ovation for being a cool, fun car.

...comes to market with a sizable his-

...attached.

...1963 to 1965, Mercury took part in Detroit's

...muscle cars. That first Marauder was a

...performance version of Mercury's Montclair and

...squadrons. It also was a racing car. Parnelli

...in the 1963 Pikes Peak Hill Climb in a Ma-

...rauder name returned in 1969 and 1970.

...about the time that Jack Lord played the top

...the "Hawaii Five-O," keeping the islands safe

...black Mercury.

...Marauder also owes something to Chevro-

...to get the last bit of mileage out of its

...the Caprice full-size sedan by creating the all-

...SS in the mid-90s. That car sold well.

...lured its stealthy look and strong perfor-

...its run ended when the Caprice went out

...in 1996.

...from that success and Mercury's own

...history, Ford Motor has taken a full-size

...Mercury Grand Marquis, and created a

...muscle car. Like the Impala SS, it's painted

...the only color choice).

...too, gets a strong engine and lots of fun

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...said Philip Smoker, the Marauder's brand

The Marauder story starts on the outside. Black paint is used liberally. Trim around the headlights, bumpers, windows and taillights is blacked out. This monochrome treatment moves it far away from the chrome-laden Grand Marquis.



THE 2003 MERCURY MARAUDER comes in only one color — black.

from beginning its product renaissance.

Until then, the Marauder sedan — and, perhaps, a convertible version next year — fills the niche. Smoker said Mercury expects to sell 18,000 vehicles a year — mostly to men in their 40s and 50s with teenagers at home. (A typical Grand Marquis owner, in contrast, is a married couple in their 70s.)

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This monochrome treatment moves the Marauder far away from the chrome-laden Grand Marquis.

The car gets polished 18-inch wheels, which was enough to get the Marauder noticed by the MTV crowd.

Three-inch polished exhaust tips and the Marauder name embossed on the rear bumper complete the look.

On the inside, the Marauder has black Nudo leather seats with Mercury logos on the seat backs and the Marauder name on the floor mats.

Leather covers the steering wheel and shifter, too.

Breaking up the subtle-cool mood is an aggressive touch — race-like Auto Meter oil pressure and voltmeter gauges atop the center stack.

Under the hood, there's an all-aluminum, 4.6-liter V8 that produces 302 horsepower. It's a potent power plant, and the engineers did a great job of making the exhaust rumble sound muscle-car true.

A four-speed automatic is the only transmission offered, which is a shame.

While the ride is more comfortable than tight, it's much more acceptable than the soft feel found on a Grand Marquis.

Credit improvements to the Marauder's frame, its suspension and its steering

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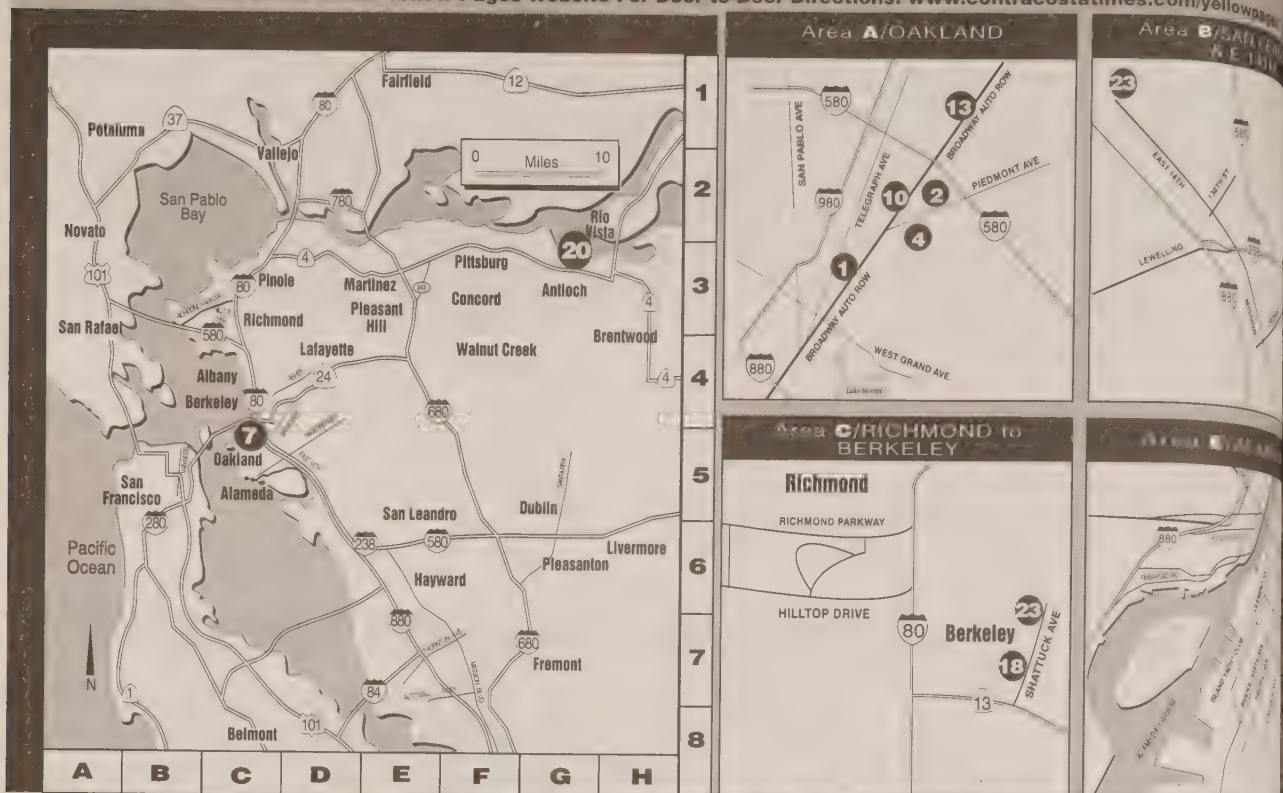
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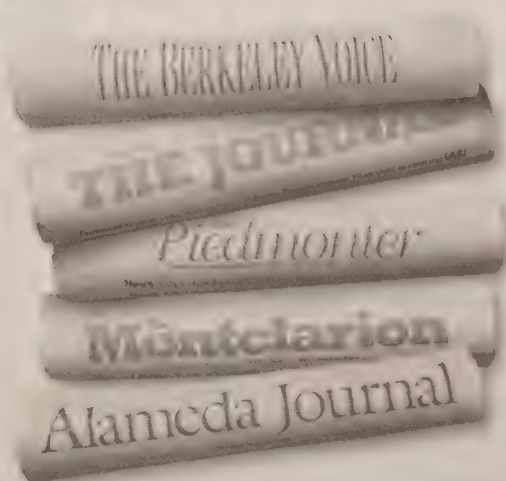
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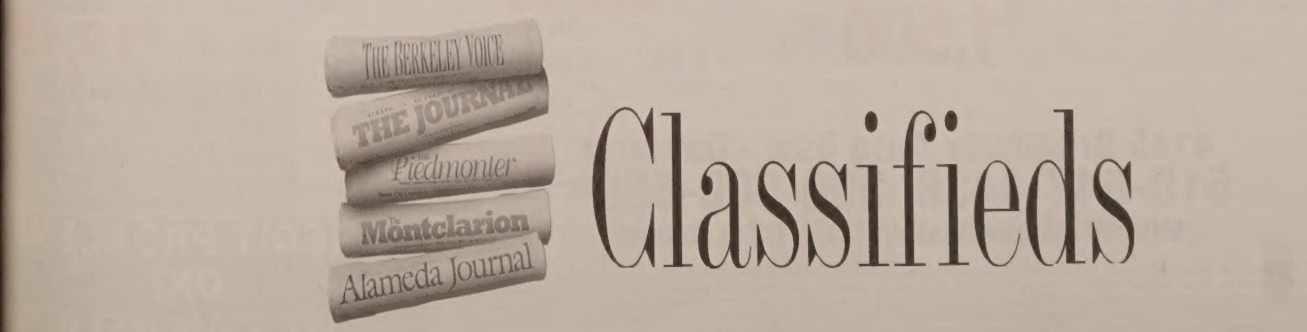
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